

## INTRUSION

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Justice Department secretly obtained two months of telephone records of reporters and editors for The Associated Press in



**Attorney General Eric Holder testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

(AP Photo/Molly Riley)

what the news cooperative's top executive called a "massive and unprecedented intrusion" into how news organizations gather the news.

The records obtained by the Justice Department listed outgoing calls for the work and personal phone numbers of individual reporters, for general AP office numbers in New York, Washington and Hartford, Connecticut, and for the main number for the AP in the House of Representatives press gallery, according to attorneys for the AP. It was not clear if the records also included incoming calls or the duration of the calls. In all, the government seized the records for more than 20 separate telephone lines assigned to AP and its journalists in April and May of 2012. The exact number of journalists who used the phone lines during that period is unknown, but more than 100 journalists work in the offices where phone records were targeted, on a wide array of stories about government and other matters.

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## SIDESHOW



**President Barack Obama gestures during a joint news conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron, Monday, May 13, 2013, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.**

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

## Obama tries to swat down 2 controversies

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama tried Monday to swat down a pair of brewing controversies that have put the White House on the defensive, emboldened Republican lawmakers and threatened to overtake his second-term agenda, already off to a rocky start. Republicans ramped up criticism following recent disclosures that talking points on the attack in Benghazi, Libya produced by the intelligence community were later watered down to delete references to the suspected involve-

ment Islamic militants. The second scandal controversy involved disclosures that the U.S. tax agency, the IRS, had targeted conservative groups in the run-up to the 2012 election. Obama on Monday dismissed Republican criticism of his administration's handling of the Benghazi attack, calling the criticism a political sideshow. The president also said that he didn't know about the tax controversy until he learned about it from news reports last week and pledged to find out what happened. Simultaneous investigations

have put the White House on the defensive, however, with Republicans demanding more.

During a joint news conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron, the normally even-keeled Obama appeared agitated over the resurgent investigation into the September attack at a U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi. He dismissed the Republican-driven effort as a "sideshow" that dishonors the four Americans who were killed, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

"There's no there there," Obama declared in his first public comments since Republican lawmakers launched new hearings on the matter. "The fact that this keeps on getting churned up, frankly, has a whole lot to do with political motivations." Seeking to keep another controversy from spinning out of control, the president rebuked the U.S. tax collection agency for scrutinizing the tax-exempt status of groups with conservative sounding names.

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Those responsible, Obama said, must be held "fully accountable."

"I've got no patience with it," he added. "I will not tolerate it and we will find out exactly what happened."

The president said he first learned of the matter Friday when it was reported by news organizations. Spokesman Jay Carney said later that the White House counsel's office was alerted on April 22 that the tax agency's inspector general was completing a review of an office in Cincinnati.

Neither issue appears to be going away any time soon. On Monday, Rep. Darrell Issa, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, asked authors of an independent government review into the Benghazi attack to meet privately with committee investigators. And the House Ways and Means Committee said it plans to hold a hearing on the tax matter on Friday.

The two controversies are the latest in a series of unexpected challenges that have consumed the White House since Obama began his second term in

January. Among the others: the Boston Marathon bombings, Syria's alleged use of chemical weapons and fresh nuclear provocations from North Korea.

But those plans were upended even before Obama's inauguration, when the horrific December massacre of 20 school children and six adults in

tunity to reverse course and claim a big second-term victory if immigration changes can be approved. Draft legislation being debated in the Senate has bipartisan support, and Republicans have a political incentive to back an overhaul given the growing political power of Hispanic voters, who voted overwhelmingly Democratic in 2012.

For the White House, the challenge will be to keep Capitol Hill focused on immigration and other legislative priorities, not a persistent cycle of investigations. "The American people want Washington to focus on the issues that matter most to them," Carney said Monday. "The imperative for getting things done still exists."

However, Republicans made clear that they plan to keep pressing the president on both issues.

"The administration continues to lose credibility by failing to answer even the simplest questions, refusing to take full responsibility and failing to produce a plan to move forward," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus told The Associated Press. □



**President Barack Obama shakes hands with British Prime Minister David Cameron at the conclusion of their joint news conference, Monday, May 13, 2013, in the East Room of the White House in Washington where they spoke on topics ranging from Syria's civil war to the IRS.**

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

It's hardly the start Obama's team envisioned after he solidly won reelection in November. The White House had hoped to achieve an early victory on immigration overhaul, make another run at a sweeping deficit reduction deal, and perhaps take a stab at tackling climate change.

Newtown, Connecticut, thrust gun control to the forefront of Obama's domestic agenda. That legislative effort failed on Capitol Hill last month, leaving Obama with a political defeat and giving critics of immigration reform more time to organize their opposition.

Obama still has an oppor-

## Monsanto victorious in seed case

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**WASHINGTON**

- The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that farmers could not use Monsanto's patented genetically altered soybeans to create new seeds without paying the company a fee.

The ruling has implications for many aspects of modern agriculture and for businesses based on vaccines, cell lines and software. But Justice Elena Kagan, writing for the court, emphasized that the decision was narrow. "Our holding today is limited - addressing the situation before us, rather than every one involving a self-replicating product," she wrote. "We recognize that such inventions are becoming ever more prevalent, complex, and diverse. In another case, the article's self-replication might occur outside the purchaser's control. Or it might be a necessary but incidental step in using the item for another purpose."

But Kagan had little difficulty ruling that an Indiana farmer's conduct in the case before the court, *Bowman v. Monsanto Co.*, No. 11-796, had run afoul of the patent law. Farmers who buy Monsanto's patented seeds must generally sign a contract promising not to save seeds from the resulting crop, which means they must buy new seeds every year. The seeds are valuable because they are resistant to the herbicide Roundup, itself a Monsanto product. But the Indiana farmer, Vernon Hugh Bowman, who had signed such contracts for his main crop, said he had discovered a loophole for a second, riskier crop later in the growing season.

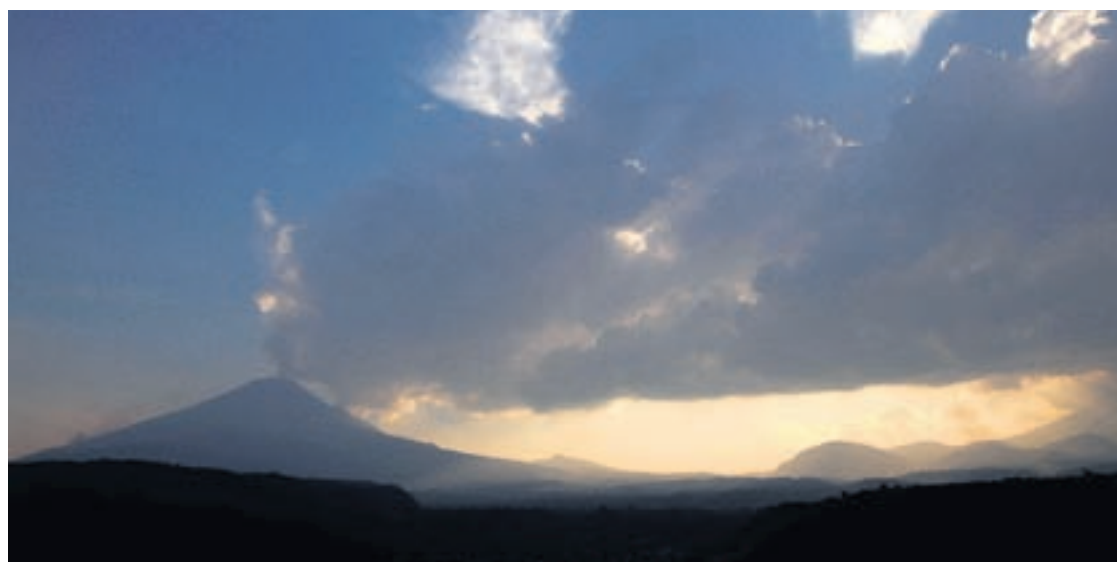
For that second crop, he bought seeds from a grain elevator filled with a mix of seeds in the reasonable hope that many of them contained Monsanto's patented Roundup Ready gene. □

## Mexico sets shelters as volcano shakes, spews ash

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Seismic activity has increased at the Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City, leading authorities to alert towns in two central states and the capital.

Mexico's National Disaster Prevention Center says the white-capped volcano spewed a plume of steam more than a half mile (1 kilometer) into the sky. The volcano shook during over the weekend, sometimes emitting glowing rock over the crater.

The government deployed soldiers and federal police to the area Sunday and Monday in the event of a bigger eruption, and officials closed off a seven-square-mile (18-square-kilometer) zone around



**The Popocatepetl volcano spews ash and steam as seen from Santiago Xalitliltla, Mexico, Monday morning, May 13, 2013. Seismic activity has increased at the Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City, leading authorities to alert towns in two central states and the capital.**

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

the cone of the 17,886-foot (5,450-meter) volcano. State authorities prepared shelters.

Popocatepetl has put out small eruptions of ash almost daily since a round of activity began in 1994. The

eruptions started strengthening two weeks ago and increased even more since this weekend. □



# Philly abortion doctor guilty in 3 babies' deaths

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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A Philadelphia abortion doctor was found guilty Monday of first-degree murder and could face execution in the deaths of three babies who authorities say were delivered alive and then killed with scissors at his grimy clinic, in a case that became a flashpoint in America's debate over abortion.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the drug-overdose death of a patient from Bhutan who had undergone an abortion. He was cleared in the death of a fourth baby, who prosecutors say let out a soft whimper before he snipped its neck.

The jury will return May 21 to hear evidence on whether Gosnell should get the death penalty.

Former clinic employees testified that Gosnell routinely performed illegal late-term abortions past Pennsylvania's 24-week limit, that he delivered babies who were still moving,

whimpering or breathing, and that he and his assistants "snipped" the newborns' spines, as he referred to it.

"Are you human?" prosecutor Ed Cameron snarled during closing arguments as Gosnell sat calmly at the defense table. "To

med these women up and stick knives in the backs of babies?" The grisly details came out more than two years ago during an in-

vestigation of prescription drug trafficking at Gosnell's clinic in an impoverished section of West Philadelphia.

Authorities said the clinic was a foul-smelling "house of horrors" with bags and bottles of stored fetuses, including jars of severed feet, along with bloodstained furniture, dirty medical instruments, and cats roaming the premises.

Pennsylvania authorities had failed to conduct routine inspections of all of its abortion clinics for 15 years by the time Gosnell's facility was raided and closed down. In the scandal's aftermath, two top state health department officials were fired, and Pennsylvania imposed tougher rules for clinics.

"We see this as triumph of justice," said Charmaine Yoest, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, a group that has taken a lead role in efforts to enact anti-abortion laws in state legislatures.

Four former clinic employees have pleaded guilty to murder and four more to other charges. They include Gosnell's wife, Pearl, a cosmetologist who helped perform abortions. Both sides of the abortion divide seized on the case. Abortion foes said it exposed the true nature of abortion in all its disturbing detail. Abortion rights activists warned that Gosnell's rogue practice foreshadows what poor and desperate young women could face if abortion is driven underground with more restrictive laws.

Midway through the six-week trial, anti-abortion activists accused the mainstream media of ignoring the case because it reflected badly on the abortion rights cause. Major news organizations denied the allegation, though a number promptly sent reporters to cover the trial.

After prosecutors rested their case, Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey Minehart threw out for lack of evidence three of seven murder counts involving aborted fetuses. □



Dr. Kermit Gosnell is escorted to a waiting police van upon leaving the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia, Monday, May 13, 2013, after being convicted of first-degree murder in the deaths of three babies who were delivered alive and then killed with scissors at his clinic.

(AP Photo/Yong Kim)

## Police:

# Progress in Mother's Day shooting probe

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**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — New Orleans police hope a \$10,000 reward and blurry surveillance camera images will lead to arrests in a Mother's Day shooting that wounded 19 people and showed again how far the city has to go to shake a persistent culture of violence that belies the city's festive image.

Angry residents said gun violence — which has flared at two other city celebrations this year — goes hand-in-hand with the city's other deeply rooted problems such as poverty and urban blight. The investigators tasked with solving Sunday's shooting work within an agency that's had its own troubles rebounding from years of corruption while trying to halt violent crime.

"The old people are scared to walk the streets. The children can't even play outside," Ronald Lewis, 61, said Monday as he sat on the front stoop of his house, about a half a block from the shooting site. His window sill has a hole from a bullet that hit it last year. Across the street sits a house marked by bullets he said were fired two weeks ago.

"The youngsters are doing all this," said Jones, who was away from home when the latest shooting broke out. Video released early Monday shows a crowd gathered for a boisterous second-line parade suddenly scattering in all directions, with some falling to the ground. They appear to be running from a man in a white T-shirt and dark pants who turns and runs out of the picture. The image isn't clear, but po-

lice say they hope someone will recognize him and notify investigators.

Police were working to de-

ted fleeing from the scene. Whoever was responsible escaped despite the presence of officers who were



New Orleans Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas discusses the Mother's Day shooting during a news conference in front of police headquarters in New Orleans, Monday, May 13, 2013. Gunmen opened fire on dozens of people marching in a Mother's Day neighborhood parade wounding at least 17.

(AP Photo/Bill Haber)

termine whether there was more than one gunman, though they initially said three people were spot-

interspersed through the crowd as part of routine precautions for such an event. □





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## US obtains wide AP phone records in probe

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In a letter of protest sent to Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday, AP President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Pruitt said the government sought and obtained information far beyond anything that could be justified by any specific investigation. He demanded the return of the phone records and destruction of all copies.

"There can be no possible justification for such an overbroad collection of the telephone communications of The Associated Press and its reporters. These records potentially reveal communications with confidential sources across all of the newsgathering activities undertaken by the AP during a two-month period, provide a road map to AP's news-gathering operations and disclose information about AP's activities and operations that the government has no conceivable right to know," Pruitt said.

The government would not say why it sought the records. Officials have previously said in public testimony that the U.S. attorney in Washington is conducting a criminal investigation into who may have provided information contained in a May 7, 2012, AP story about a foiled terror plot. The story disclosed details of a CIA operation in Yemen that stopped an al-Qaida plot in the spring of 2012 to detonate a bomb on an airplane bound for the United States.

In testimony in February, CIA Director John Brennan noted that the FBI had questioned him about whether he was AP's source, which he denied. He called the release of the information to the media about the terror plot an "unauthorized and dangerous disclosure of classified information."

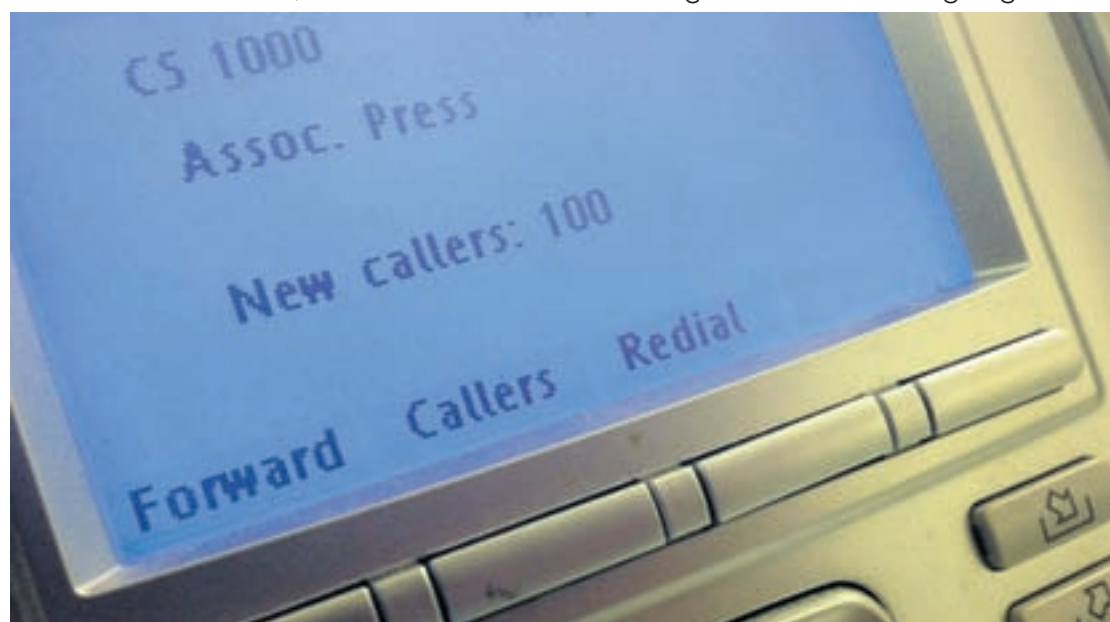
Prosecutors have sought phone records from reporters before, but the seizure of records from such a wide array of AP offices, including general AP switchboards numbers and an office-wide shared fax line, is unusual.

In the letter notifying the AP, which was received Friday, the Justice Department offered no explanation for the seizure, ac-

Rep. Darrell Issa, the Republican chairman of the investigative House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, said on CNN, "They had an obligation to look for every other way to get it before they intruded on the freedom of the press."

The American Civil Liberties Union said the use of subpoenas for a broad swath of records has a chilling ef-

William Miller, a spokesman for Machen, said Monday that in general the U.S. attorney follows "all applicable laws, federal regulations and Department of Justice policies when issuing subpoenas for phone records of media organizations." But he would not address questions about the specifics of the AP records. "We do not comment on ongoing criminal



The screen on the phone console at the reception desk at The Associated Press Washington bureau, Monday, May 13, 2013. The Justice Department secretly obtained two months of telephone records of reporters and editors for The Associated Press in what the news cooperative's top executive called a "massive and unprecedented intrusion" into how news organizations gather the news.

cording to Pruitt's letter and attorneys for the AP. The records were presumably obtained from phone companies earlier this year although the government letter did not explain that. None of the information provided by the government to the AP suggested the actual phone conversations were monitored.

Among those whose phone numbers were obtained were five reporters and an editor who were involved in the May 7, 2012, story. The Obama administration has aggressively investigated disclosures of classified information to the media and has brought six cases against people suspected of providing classified information, more than under all previous presidents combined.

fect both on journalists and whistleblowers who want to reveal government wrongdoing. "The attorney general must explain the Justice Department's actions to the public so that we can make sure this kind of press intimidation does not happen again," said Laura Murphy, the director of ACLU's Washington legislative office.

Rules published by the Justice Department require that subpoenas of records of news organizations must be personally approved by the attorney general, but it was not known if that happened in this case. The letter notifying AP that its phone records had been obtained through subpoenas was sent Friday by Ronald Machen, the U.S. attorney in Washington.

investigations," Miller said in an email.

The Justice Department lays out strict rules for efforts to get phone records from news organizations. A subpoena can be considered only after "all reasonable attempts" have been made to get the same information from other sources, the rules say. It was unclear what other steps, in total, the Justice Department might have taken to get information in the case.

A subpoena to the media must be "as narrowly drawn as possible" and "should be directed at relevant information regarding a limited subject matter and should cover a reasonably limited time period," according to the rules. □

(AP Photo/Jon Elswick)

## Minnesota's Senate clears way for same sex marriage

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**ST. PAUL, Minn.** - The Minnesota state Senate voted Monday to allow gay couples to marry, clearing the way for Minnesota to become the 12th state to permit same-sex marriage and the first in the Midwest to do so without a court ruling.

The vote was 37-30. The state House approved the measure Thursday, and Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, said through his office that he would sign it into law Tuesday.

"These families deserve the same rights and recognitions that we do," said state Sen. John Marty, a Democrat,

as hundreds of people on both sides of the issue gathered in the Capitol, singing,

waving signs and shouting loud enough to be heard inside the Senate chamber as the debate went on before the vote.

"It's finally happening," Marty said.

Sen. Carla Nelson, a Republican, opposed the measure, saying it "denies the right of a different opinion."

"We must respect religious freedom at the same time that we advance rights," she said.

In a way, the vote to allow same-sex marriage shows how rapidly sentiment on the issue has shifted in the state.

For much of 2012, Minnesota debated an amendment that would have enshrined the state's existing ban on gay marriage in the state constitution, but voters in November rejected the amendment. □



# Records: Cleveland suspect faced prior complaints

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Associated Press

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — A man charged with holding three women captive for about a decade had been accused of threatening his neighbors, attacking his common-law wife and committing violations during his career as a school bus driver, according to records released Monday. The Cleveland police reports correspond with accounts provided by relatives of suspect Ariel Castro last week that portrayed a man prone to violent outbursts, especially when it came to the mother of his children and incursions onto his property.

Castro, 52, is charged with kidnapping and rape, but prosecutors expect to file more charges. The three women whom he is accused of holding captive disappeared between August 2002 and April 2004. They were rescued last week when one of them escaped the home. The records released Monday were produced by police officers investigating complaints against Castro. They do not track what happened to the complaints after they were taken.

A veteran defense attorney now representing Castro, Craig Weintraub, did not respond to phone and email messages Monday seeking comment on the current and prior allegations. A public defender had represented Castro at his initial court appearance but said she couldn't speak to his guilt or innocence.

## SEPT. 30, 1989:

Grimilda Figueroa called police and reported that Castro, her "common-law

husband of nine years," attacked her after she asked him where he was going with one of his brothers. After slapping Figueroa several times, "he then grabbed her and slammed her several times against the wall and several times against the washing machine," according to the report.

Figueroa, who died of cancer last year, was treated at a hospital for a bruised right shoulder, the report said. She told police she had been assaulted by Castro several other times but didn't report it. Figueroa was referred to the prosecutor's office, according to the report. There is no court record of any charge having been filed.

## MARCH 10, 1993:

Two parents tried to board Castro's school bus because their son had been getting assaulted, records show.

The parents told police they had begun accompanying him to the bus stop in the morning. On that day, "another such incident occurred in their presence," the report said. "At which time, they got on the bus to stop it. However were shoved by the driver," the report said. Castro claimed that the parent shoved him back into his seat.

There were no injuries reported, according to the report, which said the case was turned over to the Cleveland city schools. There's no court record of any charges.

## DEC. 26, 1993:

Figueroa again reported Castro, telling police he threw her to the ground, hit her about the head and face and kicked her

body. Her son then fled out the front door and Castro chased him, according to the report, which said Figueroa locked the door and Castro couldn't get back in. He ran away when

lice the next day she didn't want to pursue charges, a city prosecutor filed charges of domestic violence and disorderly conduct. Records show Castro pleaded guilty to disorderly

ing, according to the records. He went to Castro's home to inquire about it, and Castro became upset, the report said. Castro picked up a shovel and attempted to hit the man with it, then told him that "he was going to take care of him," according to the report.

The incident was referred to prosecutors, the report said, but there is no record of charges being filed.

## MAY 16, 1996

A man who relatives have described as Figueroa's boyfriend after she left Castro was dropping her children off at school when, the man said, Castro pulled up behind him and threatened him.

Castro drove off after the man tried to get out of his car and talk to him, the man told police, adding: "He believes that named suspect would have ran him over if he did not get out of his way."

The situation, described as "an ongoing problem," was referred to prosecutors. There is no record of any charges. □



Members of the FBI evidence response team carry out the front screen door from the house where three women were held captive, in Cleveland. Cleveland officials are trying to keep the house intact until the trial of the women's suspected abductor is concluded. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

police arrived, and was chased by officers through a neighboring yard and arrested, the report said.

Figueroa told police that she had brain surgery a month before the attack and was prone to seizures, but then refused medical attention.

Although Figueroa told po-

derly conduct on Dec. 28; a grand jury declined to charge him with domestic violence, county records show.

## NOV. 29, 1994:

A man was checking on rental property near Castro's house and noticed his chain-link fence was miss-

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## Brother: Family shocked, sad over killing arrest

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**Associated Press**

**VALLEY SPRINGS, California (AP)** — The older brother of a 12-year-old boy accused of killing his 8-year-old sister said Monday the family was in shock and extremely sad about the arrest of the boy.

The boy was arrested Saturday in the stabbing death of his sister, Leila Fowler, in a case that has stunned this Central California community. Investigators initially maintained the boy was being questioned only as a witness. The boy had told investigators after the killing last month that he saw a tall man with gray hair flee the family's home and then found his sister bleeding from stab wounds.

"We're just in a fog," Justin Fowler, the boy's 19-year-old brother, told The Associated Press.

The AP is withholding the name of the boy because he is a juvenile.

The death set off an intense manhunt in the rural

community where some residents had moved to escape big city crime. Justin Fowler said the family was having a hard time coping with what is now a double tragedy. "We're just trying to stay positive, but it's hard," he said. Days after his sister's killing, the boy appeared at a vigil for her. Justin Fowler was photo-



**Signs remembering murdered 8-year-old Leila Fowler hang on a fence at Jenny Lind Elementary School in Valley Springs, Calif. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)**

graphed with the name "Leila" written on his forearm. The boy's father Barney Fowler attended with his fiancé Krystal Walters. People across the mountain community were re-

lieved there had been an arrest and that the crime did not appear to be the work of an intruder.

On Monday counselors were talking to students at Toyon Middle School.

"Our kids are experiencing a lot of mixed emotions," said school Superintendent Mark Campbell. "We have a degree of ease that it's

not a random assailant, but it's a double whammy from our school perspective. We lost a student and we stand to lose another. It's a lot for our kids to process." □

## Colorado: Experts diagnose Holmes' mental state

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**CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP)** — Lawyers for Colorado theater shooting suspect James Holmes formally told a judge on Monday that he wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity after outside experts diagnosed his mental illness.

The attorneys, however, did not specify the diagnosis. Judge Carlos Samour Jr. indicated he would not decide whether to approve the new plea until the end of the month.

A judge entered a standard not guilty plea on Holmes' behalf in March, and he needs court permission to change it. Holmes is charged with more than 160 counts of murder and attempted murder in the July 20 shootings that left 12 people dead and 70 injured. He appeared at Monday's hearing with bushy brown hair and a

full beard. He entered the courtroom with eyes downcast and didn't speak.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty, and the insanity plea is widely seen as Holmes' best chance to avoid execution.

No motive has emerged in nearly 10 months of hearings, but Holmes' attorneys have repeatedly said he is mentally ill. He was being treated by a psychiatrist before the attack, but the reason for the treatment hasn't been disclosed.

Before Samour decides on the change of plea, he must rule on questions raised by the defense about the constitutionality of Colorado's insanity and death penalty laws. Holmes' lawyers have argued that a wrinkle in the laws could cripple their ability to raise his mental health as a mitigating factor during the sentencing phase.

The move by the defense to change Holmes' plea

was a significant step as the case slowly creeps toward a trial or possible plea agreement. With Holmes' life at stake, even the smallest details take on more importance.

Samour even notified lawyers in court on Monday that he was removing two commas from a document.

The insanity plea carries risks for both sides. Holmes will have to submit to a mental evaluation by state-employed doctors, and prosecutors could use the findings against him.

"It's literally a life-and-death situation with the government seeking to execute him and the government, evaluating him with regard to whether he was sane or insane at the time he was in that movie theater," said attorney Dan Recht, a past president of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar. □

## Ex-yeshiva teacher admits sex assault of boy at camp

**KATIE ZEZIMA**  
**Associated Press**

**TOMS RIVER, New Jersey (AP)** — With other accusers stepping forward, a former yeshiva teacher changed pleas Monday in the middle of his trial, admitting he sexually abused a boy he met while working as a camp counselor.

Rabbi Yosef Kolko, 36, shifted uncomfortably on the stand as he pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault, attempted aggravated sex assault, sexual assault and child endangerment. The abuse occurred from August 2008 to February 2009. It ranged from fondling to oral sex and stopped when the boy told his father, who confronted Kolko.

The change in plea came after the prosecutor's office was contacted Friday by a representative for a woman who said she had been a victim of Kolko and a man who said he had a victim, Senior Assistant Prosecutor Laura Pierro said.

The case may be a watershed for the prosecutor's office and the Orthodox Jewish community in Lakewood, which has in the past been reluctant to bring criminal matters to civil authorities, preferring instead to handle them through rabbinical courts and senior rabbis.

"I'm hoping that it's going to open the doors" to others in the community cooperating with authorities, Pierro said in an interview after the plea. "We broke ground with this case."

Prosecutors said they would not pursue the other two cases.

Kolko's bail was revoked, and he was ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation before sentencing.

His attorney, Michael Bachner, said Kolko was "extremely remorseful," apologizes to the victim and hopes after treatment "to return to society as a benefit to it."

The plea came after only three of the prosecution's eight witnesses testified. The senior rabbi the father approached was due to



**Yosef Kolko, 39, walks near the Ocean County Courthouse in Toms River, N.J. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)**

testify, as were other members of the insular community who were expected to shed light on internal workings of Lakewood's Orthodox population and how such allegations were handled inside it.

When Judge Francis R. Hodgson asked Kolko if he had received any promises or was threatened or coerced in exchange for his plea, Kolko answered softly that there were things that were "not part of the court system."

Bachner would not comment on Kolko's statement. The victim's father had initially wanted the case handled within the Orthodox community, asking a senior rabbi to help ensure that Kolko stay away from children and go to therapy. In mid-2009, the father decided to take the case to authorities.

The Associated Press generally does not identify accusers in sex-crime cases and is not naming the father to protect the son's identity.

Testifying last week, the father said he went to prosecutors because he felt the case was not being handled appropriately. Kolko was still teaching and planning to work at the summer camp where he met the boy.

"I was more concerned that he was still at his job," the father said Thursday. "And I felt that children are being endangered."

The father acknowledged it is not common for members of the Orthodox community to take cases like this to law enforcement. □



# OJ returns to Las Vegas court in bid for new trial

**KEN RITTER**  
**LINDA DEUTSCH**  
**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — A weary-looking O.J. Simpson weighed down by shackles and four years in prison shuffled into a Las Vegas courtroom Monday hoping to eventually walk out a free man.

His arrival in court to ask for a new trial in the armed robbery case that sent him to prison in 2008 could be heard before he was seen — as a loud rattling of the chains that bound his hands to his waist and kept his feet together.

His lawyers had argued to forego the restraints but were overruled. After the 65-year-old Simpson was seated, a guard removed his handcuffs and clicked them onto the chair arms next to him.

The once glamorous sports hero, who is more than four years into a minimum nine-year prison sentence, was subdued as the hearing began.

Grayer and heavier, he flashed a smile and tried to mouth a greeting to people he recognized before being stopped by a bailiff who had cautioned against any communications.

Wearing a dingy blue prison uniform, Simpson listened intently to testimony presented as his lawyers contend he had poor legal

representation in the trial involving the gunpoint robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers in 2007 in a Las Vegas hotel room. The attorney, Yale Galanter, had rejected appropri-

Galanter was paid nearly \$700,000 for Simpson's defense but had a personal interest in preventing himself from being identified as a witness to the crimes and misled Simpson so much

retrieve the items.

Galanter is scheduled to testify on Friday and has declined comment before his court appearance.

A lawyer for Simpson co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart testified Monday that a plea deal was offered to Simpson and Stewart in the midst of trial. Witness Brent Bryson said prosecutors told him the offer called for a two- to five-year sentence for each defendant in return for guilty pleas.

Prosecutors said they were presenting it to Simpson's lawyer and later came back to tell him there was

no deal, Bryson said.

Bryson didn't know if Simpson had ever been told about the deal by his lawyer. Simpson claims he was not.

Under questioning by defense lawyers Patricia Palm and Ozzie Fumo, Bryson and Simpson friend James Barnett, a wealthy businessman, said Galanter's biggest mistake was not challenging the admission of a tape recording of the hotel room incident.

Barnett said he asked Galanter why he wasn't hiring an expert to analyze the recording for alterations. □



O.J. Simpson, right, is helped out of his chair by defense attorney Ozzie Fumo during a break at an evidentiary hearing in Clark County District Court, Monday, May 13, 2013 in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

ate defense moves and even met with Simpson the night before the disastrous heist to bless the plan as long as no one trespassed and no force was used, Simpson has said.

that he deserves a new trial, lawyers for Simpson claim.

Simpson is scheduled to testify on Wednesday and say Galanter advised him he was within his rights to

## Saudi traveling with pressure cooker arrested

**JEFF KAROUB**  
**Associated Press**

**DETROIT (AP)** — A Saudi man was arrested at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after federal agents said he lied about why he was traveling with a pressure cooker, but his nephew said Monday that it was all a misunderstanding about a device he simply wanted for cooking. Two pressure cookers were used in last month's Boston Marathon bombings. Hussain Al Khawahir was being held in Detroit on allegations of lying to Customs and Border Protection agents and of using a passport with a missing page. He was ar-

rested Saturday.

His nephew, Nasser Almarzooq, told The Associated Press that he had asked his uncle to bring him the pressure cooker so he could make lamb. The college student said two pressure cookers he bought in the U.S. were "not good at all," and said the ones available in Saudi Arabia are higher quality.

"I'm Arabic," said Almarzooq, who is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Toledo in Ohio, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Detroit. "I always use pressure cookers to cook."

Almarzooq said his uncle

was coming to visit him for a couple weeks.

A criminal complaint alleges that Al Khawahir arrived at the airport Saturday on a flight from Saudi Arabia via Amsterdam, and that he told agents he was visiting his nephew.

He originally said he brought the pressure cooker with him because pressure cookers aren't sold in America, then later said his nephew had bought one but it "was cheap" and broke after one use, according to the complaint. Agents said they also noticed a page was missing from Al Khawahir's passport from Saudi Arabia. □

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# Bomb rips through civilian area in Libya

**AYA BATRAWY**  
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**Associated Press**

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — A deadly car bomb exploded Monday near a hospital in a busy area packed with civilians in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, destroying part of the facility, officials said.

Officials gave conflicting casualty figures, with death tolls ranging from three to 10 in the chaotic aftermath of the attack.

Benghazi, which was the birthplace of the revolution that led to the ouster of dictator Moammar Gadhafi, has suffered a series of assassinations and other attacks, including the Sept. 11 assaults on the U.S. diplomatic mission that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

The oil-rich North African nation is still largely dominated by militias, many including fighters who battled Gadhafi's forces during the 2011 civil war, and many attacks are blamed on them as infighting is rampant in the battle for control.

But witnesses and ana-

lysts said Monday's explosion stood out because it struck during the day in a crowded area, putting civilians at risk. "The bombing is significant in that it is the

"The bombing is going to put renewed pressure on an already embattled Ministry of Interior to reign in the revolutionary brigades," he added, referring to militias.



**Libyan men inspect damaged vehicles at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Benghazi, Libya, Monday, May 13, 2013. A car bomb exploded Monday near a hospital in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, killing at least 10 people, officials said, in one of the biggest attacks since the end of the civil war that ousted former dictator Moammar Gadhafi.**

(AP Photo/Mahmoud Sohim)

first that targets civilians," Frederic Wehrey of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace said in an email.

The blast took place on Beirut Street, a residential and shopping area in Libya's second-largest city and quickly drew protest-

ers to the streets to call for stronger security measures. Other vehicles on the street were destroyed, and the windows of nearby buildings were shattered.

Jalaa hospital, just a few hundred meters (yards) away from the explosion, had been protected for months by Ansar al-Shariah, an extremist group that disbanded its work as a militia following protests by Benghazi residents after the attack on Stevens. The hospital is now secured by a mix of militias and special army forces.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan acknowledged the government was in part to blame for the instability and lawlessness that continue to plague the North African nation 19 months after Gadhafi was captured and killed.

"Authorities did not take adequate precautions," he said in remarks carried live on Libya's al-Ahrar TV channel.

Zidan, who did not take questions from reporters, said that Libya is still trying to create a security force capable of tackling such attacks. □

## Europe at odds over next steps for bank union

**GEIR MOULSON**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — European leaders are increasingly at odds over how to create a full-fledged banking union, the bloc's key project to stabilize its financial system and turn the tide in its stubborn debt crisis.

A majority of the 17 countries in the European Union's common euro currency union want to swiftly create a central banking regulator as well as an authority that can rescue or unwind ailing banks.

Berlin, however, says the EU should not rush. It argues that setting up such a rescue authority would require changing EU treaties — a potentially cumbersome and time-consuming process.

"We should not make promises we cannot keep," Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble wrote in Monday's Financial Times, proposing that Europe should at first rely on cooperation between national agencies.

That risks stirring impatience among others in Europe, who advocate moving as fast as possible in establishing the banking union to stabilize the 17-nation eurozone's financial system after more than three years of the debt crisis.

Schaeuble's counterpart in France, Spain and Portugal called for quick progress in setting up the banking union.

"We don't have time to lose, the coming months will be very important," said Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

Europe's banking industry has been one of the main causes of the eurozone's financial crisis.

Governments in countries such as Spain and Ireland had to step in to rescue their banks, which had been brought close to collapse by toxic property investments. These rescue attempts caused the governments' debt levels to increase to dangerously high levels. □

## Putin and Netanyahu to discuss Syrian conflict

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**Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — President Vladimir Putin's talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Russia on Tuesday will focus on the situation in Syria, the Kremlin said, amid growing concerns that Moscow may soon provide Damascus with an advanced anti-aircraft weapon.

Israeli officials say Russia is on the verge of selling S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Syria and they have asked Russia to stop supplying Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime with such "game-changing" weapons.

Despite the civil war in Syria, Russia has rejected Western demands to halt such sales, arguing that they haven't violated international law. The Russian arms deliveries have included air

defense missiles and artillery systems, but Moscow has so far refrained from providing Damascus with the advanced S-300.

The powerful weapon has a range of up to 200 kilometers (125 miles) and the capability to track down and strike multiple targets simultaneously with lethal efficiency. It would mean a quantum leap in Syria's air defense capability and pose a strong challenge to any possible aerial campaign. Israel also fears that advanced Russian weapons could fall into the hands of Hezbollah, a key Syrian ally in neighboring Lebanon.

Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi Landau accused Russia on Monday of destabilizing the Middle East by selling weapons to Assad's regime. "Anyone who pro-

vides weaponry to terror organizations is siding with terror," Landau said.

Speaking in Warsaw on Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Russia was completing the delivery of air defense systems to Syria under earlier signed contracts, but avoided specifying whether the S-300 batteries are among them.

Earlier this month, Lavrov met with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and they announced they would host an international conference during which Syrian government officials and rebels will be offered the chance to name an interim government.

On Friday, Putin met with British Prime Minister David Cameron in Moscow for talks that also centered on Syria. Cameron said the two

were committed to developing a proposal for a Syrian transitional government. The British leader didn't say if the missile issue was discussed, but Russian news agencies said Moscow had insisted it would honor all earlier signed contracts.

The business daily Kommersant, without citing a source, reported Monday that Putin told Cameron during the talks that the S-300 will be delivered to Syria. But Vyacheslav Davidenko, a spokesman for Russia's Rosoboronexport state arms trader, refused to comment on the issue Monday.

Russia media have reported that Moscow signed a contract for the delivery of the S-300s to Syria a few years ago, but shelved it under pressure from Israel and the West. □



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# Milan prosecutors demand 6 years for Berlusconi

COLLEEN BARRY  
Associated Press

**MILAN (AP)** — Milan prosecutors on Monday demanded a prison sentence of six years and a lifetime ban from public office for former Premier Silvio Berlusconi in his sex-for-hire trial. The request came days after an appeals court upheld a four-year sentence and five-year ban on public office in a tax fraud case against Berlusconi. The two cases, coming to a head at a delicate moment for Italy, raise questions about his political future.

Berlusconi, who has dominated Italy's political scene for two decades, headed the center-right coalition that finished second in February elections and which is in an uneasy coalition with the center-left. He has no Cabinet post, but he serves in Parliament.

In the prostitution case, Berlusconi is accused of paying for sex with an underage Moroccan teen at lavish parties he hosted as premier, then trying to cover it up. Berlusconi said in a statement that the prosecutor's summing up was full of "theories, conjecture, far-fetched notions and falsehoods inspired by prejudice and hatred."



Prosecutor Ilda Boccassini makes her closing arguments during a hearing in former Premier Silvio Berlusconi's sex-for-hire trial, in Milan, Italy, Monday, May 13, 2013.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

Prosecutor Ilda Boccassini told the court during closing arguments Monday that the young woman, Karima el-Mahroug, known by the nickname "Ruby the Heart Stealer," lied when she denied having had sex with Berlusconi. Boccassini said "there is no

doubt that Ruby had sex with the defendant and that she received benefits in exchange."

She put the monetary sum at 4.5 million euros (\$5.8 million) from the then-premier, citing a written note and some phone calls where money exchanges were discussed.

Boccassini told the court the young women invited to the politician's parties "were part of a system of prostitution organized for the pleasure of Silvio Berlusconi." She said there was "no doubt" that it was known to the organizers of the parties that el-Mahroug was underage when they included her on the guest list. Under Italian law, it is illegal to pay for sex with a minor under 18 years of age. Boccassini pointed out that it was Berlusconi's own government that had raised the age from 17 — el-Mahroug's age at the time of their alleged encounters. □

## French minister to discuss shaky Libya on US trip

JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Terror groups ousted from Mali appear to be trying to set up a new haven in Libya, France's defense minister said Monday, vowing to discuss ways of helping Tripoli improve its shaky security with U.S. officials later this week. Jean-Yves Le Drian noted that there is common ground: both French and U.S. diplomatic outposts in Libya were hit by terror attacks.

French forces took a leading role in driving al-Qaida-linked rebels from their bases in northern Mali this year, and officials have expressed concern that Libya may be al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb's next choice of sanctuary. "Apparently in Libya there are attempts to constitute a new terrorist hotbed — 'apparently,' I weigh my words well — and there's a Libyan state that exists,

has institutions, and is appropriate to help to ensure its sovereignty over its territory," Le Drian told a group of American and British reporters ahead of his trips to London and Washington on Thursday and Friday. "It's certain that we will talk about it."

French forces were backed by African countries and U.S. intelligence and logistics support in the Mali intervention. France, Britain and the U.S. also were pivotal in the NATO-led air campaign over Libya that helped rebels oust Moammar Gadhafi's regime two years ago.

French officials believe that some jihadists may have fled Mali along traditional drug and other contraband trafficking routes through Niger and into Libya. Le Drian did not answer a question about how many there are.

"They were pretty shaken up — decimated — by our

intervention" that began on Jan. 11. Last month, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a new U.N. peacekeeping force for Mali to help restore democracy and stabilize the northern half of the country. France plans to keep 1,000 troops in Mali to take part in the U.N. mission, train Malian forces, and battle any terrorist remnants. □

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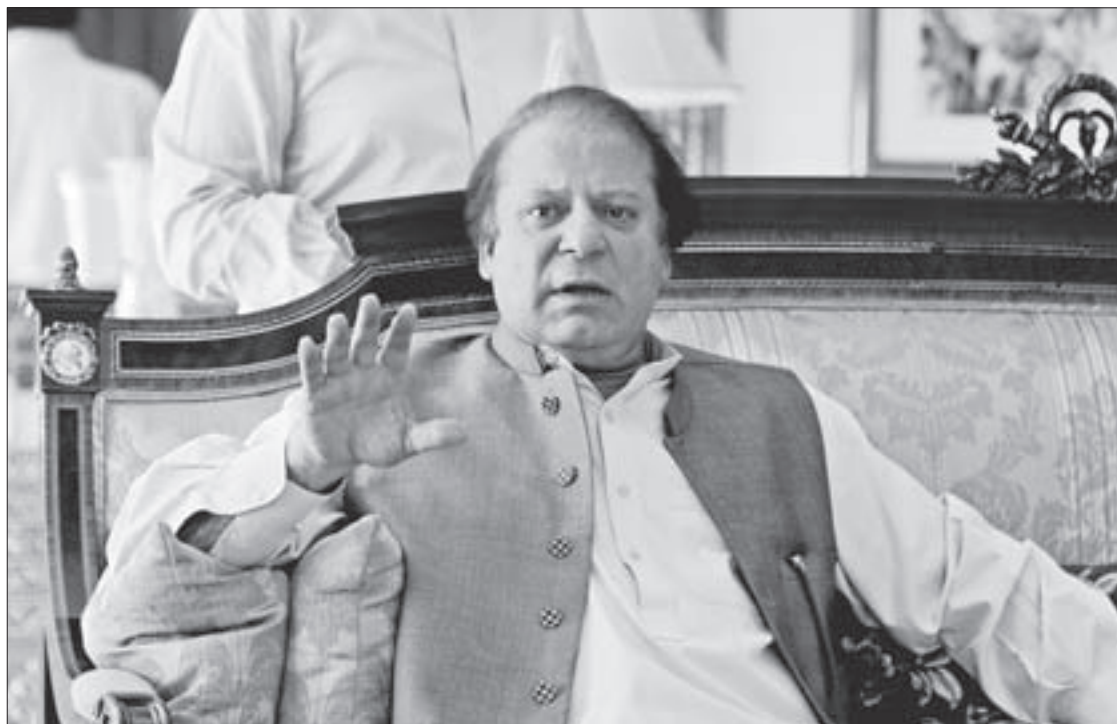
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Former prime minister and leader of Pakistan Muslim League-N party, Nawaz Sharif, gestures while speaking to members of the media at his residence in Lahore, Pakistan, Monday, May 13, 2013. (AP Photo/K.M. Chaudary)

**SEBASTIAN ABBOT**  
**Associated Press**

**RAIWIND, Pakistan (AP)**  
 — Pakistan's presumptive prime minister said Monday that he wants good rela-

tions with the United States but criticized American drone strikes on militants as a violation of the country's sovereignty — perhaps hinting the government's

grudging compliance may change. A devout Muslim and a populist, Nawaz Sharif is expected to supplant President Asif Ali Zardari as the

## Pakistan's Sharif sends mixed message to U.S.

international face of Pakistan following his party's resounding victory in Saturday's election. He is set to rule over a nuclear power whose increasing instability and Islamic militant havens are a global concern, especially at a time when the West is looking to end the war in neighboring Afghanistan. The 63-year-old Sharif often hit out at the U.S. in statements while lobbying for votes, and he accused the outgoing government ruled by the Pakistan People's Party of selling out the country's sovereignty in exchange for U.S. aid. However, analysts have cautioned that while such rhetoric sells on the campaign trail in a country where anti-American sentiment is high, Sharif is likely to take a more nuanced approach to U.S. relations once in office.

Sharif reinforced that sense Monday with his first comments since the vote about how he viewed the relationship with the U.S. — a key issue since Washington relies on Islamabad for help in fighting Islamic militants and negotiating an end to the Afghan war. "I think we have good relations with the United States of America. We certainly have to listen to each other," said Sharif. "If there are any concerns on any side, I think we should address those concerns." Pakistan and the U.S. have had an extremely fraught relationship in recent years, especially following the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden in a Pakistani army town in 2011.

The U.S. didn't tell Pakistan about the operation beforehand, and the government was outraged at the breach of its sovereignty. Even before the raid, the U.S. accused Pakistan of supporting Taliban militants who use the country's rugged northwest tribal region to launch cross-border attacks against American troops in Afghanistan — allegations denied by Islamabad.

The relationship has improved somewhat over the last year, but U.S. drone attacks targeting Taliban and al-Qaida militants in Pakistan's tribal region continue to create serious friction between the two countries.

The strikes are extremely unpopular in Pakistan, where many people believe they mostly kill innocent civilians — something Washington denies.

"Drones indeed are challenging our sovereignty," said Sharif. "I think this is a very serious issue, and our concern must be understood properly."

But Pakistan has a long history of officials condemning the strikes in public and supporting them in private, and how aggressively Sharif pushes the U.S. may depend on how much he needs it in other areas. Pakistan relies on the U.S. for hundreds of millions of dollars in aid every year. More importantly, Pakistan would likely need U.S. support to get a bailout it desperately needs from the International Monetary Fund because of the government's shaky financial situation. □

## Search ends in Bangladesh collapse

**FARID**  
**JULHAS ALAM**

**Associated Press**

**SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP)**  
 — Several of the biggest Western retailers embraced a plan that would require them to help pay for factory improvements in Bangladesh as the nearly three-week search for victims of the worst garment-industry disaster in history ended Monday with the death toll at a staggering 1,127.

Bangladesh's government also agreed to allow garment workers to form unions without permission from factory owners. That decision came a day after it announced a plan to raise the minimum wage in the industry.

The collapse of the eight-story Rana Plaza factory building April 24 focused worldwide attention on hazardous conditions in Bangladesh's garment industry, where workers sew low-cost clothing that ends up on store shelves around the globe, including the U.S. and Western Europe. The tragedy came months after a fire at another garment factory in Bangladesh killed 112 workers. Swedish retailing giant H&M, the largest purchaser of garments from Bangladesh; British companies Primark and Tesco; C&A; and Inditex, owner of the Zara chain, said they would sign a contract that requires them to conduct independent safety inspections,

make reports on factory conditions public and cover the costs of repairs. It also requires them to stop doing business with any factory that refuses to make necessary safety improvements. Two other companies agreed to sign last year: PVH, which makes clothes under the Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger and Izod labels, and German retailer Tchibo. Among the big holdouts so far are Wal-Mart Stores, which is the second-largest producer of clothing in Bangladesh behind H&M, and the Gap. Labor groups are setting Wednesday as the deadline for companies to commit to the plan. □



## Mexico arrests 2 men in Malcolm X grandson's death

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**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Two waiters at a Mexico City bar will face homicide and robbery charges in the beating death of Malcolm X's grandson Malcolm Shabazz, authorities said Monday.

Prosecutors said police were seeking at least two other people believed to have participated in the attack on Shabazz, who was beaten early Thursday in a dispute over a \$1,200 bar bill.

Prosecutor Rodolfo Fernando Rios said bar employees David Hernandez Cruz and Manuel Alejandro Perez de

Jesus would be charged with aggravated robbery and homicide.

Rios said there was no indication of a racial motivation in the attack on Shabazz, 28, who was assaulted after he drank with a friend at the Palace bar on Garibaldi Plaza, a downtown square famous for open-air performances by strolling mariachi musicians.

Miguel Suarez, a friend of Shabazz, told The Associated Press last week that the fight broke out after the owner of the bar demanded that the two men pay 15,000 pesos for the time they spent drinking at

the bar. He said he found Shabazz outside the bar and took him to a hospital where he died.

Many of the bars around Garibaldi Plaza are notorious for exorbitant overcharging of customers, particularly foreigners, often on the pretext that customers must pay for time spent talking with female employees.

Rios said the initial investigation indicated Shabazz and Suarez were lured to the bar by two women.

An autopsy found that Shabazz died of blows to the head, face and torso.

Rios said Shabazz's body had not been claimed by relatives or the U.S. Embassy. He said Mexican authorities were dealing with transporting it back to the U.S.



In this composite image released by Mexico City's prosecutor's office (PGJDF) on Monday, May 13, 2013, Manuel Alejandro Perez de Jesus, 24, left, and David Hernandez Cruz, 24, stand for their mug shot after being arrested in Mexico City.

(AP Photo/PGJDF)

Much like his grandfather, Shabazz spent his youth in and out of trouble. At 12, he set a fire in his grandmother's apartment, a blaze that resulted in the

death of Malcolm X's widow. After four years in juvenile detention, Shabazz was later sent back to prison on attempted robbery and assault charges. □

## Five Argentines convicted of killing baby in bank robbery

**MICHAEL WARREN**

**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Five men accused of robbing bank customers were sentenced to life in prison for murder on Monday for killing the child of a pregnant woman who was chased down by motorcycle gunmen and shot twice as she begged for mercy.

Carolina Piparo survived the shooting, but her baby boy, Isidro, was born prematurely and died a week later. The case shocked Argentines and prompted congress to require additional security measures at bank branches, such as more cameras and privacy walls. But "withdrawal robberies," as Argentines call the thefts that target people leaving banks with large amounts of cash, have continued during the three years it took to reach the verdict. Piparo said that between 4,000 and 5,000 similar robberies happen every year in Argentina. While she praised the judges for the verdict and doctors for saving her life, she lamented that so many criminals are going unpunished. "Every day people die from these robberies. We're walking alongside these people," she said at a post-verdict news conference in La Plata, the capi-

tal of Buenos Aires province, where she was shot in 2010. "This is what it means to live in Argentina. This is a case that perhaps is really atrocious, but people are dying every day. ... I don't think we should have to wait for more deaths so that the justice system considers this to be an important problem." Two other defendants were found not guilty of charges that included aggravated homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated robbery and criminal association. Prosecutor Marcelo Romero called it an admirable verdict. Defense attorneys had argued that Isidro was a fetus, not yet a person, but he noted that the boy was born alive and was given an Argentine identity number before he died a week later while his mother was in a coma, recovering from her gunshot wounds. Piparo's lawyer, Fernando Burlando, said the three-judge panel responded to all the questions that arose during the investigation. But Piparo said she disagreed with the court's decision to drop charges against a bank teller who had told her to come back the next day after she asked for her cash, saying the bank didn't have enough on hand. □

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## Venezuela: Empresas Polar denies blame for shortages

**FABIOLA SANCHEZ  
KARL RITTER**  
**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela's biggest food company on Monday hit back at President Nicolas Maduro's claims that it's to blame for the country's persistent food shortages.

The chief executive of Empresas Polar, Lorenzo Mendoza, rejected accusations by the president that the company has reduced production and is hoarding products to create scarcity.

"The accusations that we are producing less than last year are false," Men-

doza told reporters. "I presume that President Nicolas Maduro is not well informed about the situation and about what's happening."

Mendoza said his company has increased production of cornmeal by 10 percent in the past four months, and he offered to buy or rent government-owned corn processing plants to boost output even further. Shortages of basic foods including sugar, milk, butter and cornmeal are a recurring annoyance to consumers in this oil-rich nation of 30 million people. Cornmeal is a crucial ingredient in arepas, or corn cakes, a

local specialty.

Food makers say the shortages stem from the socialist government's price controls, designed to make basic goods affordable to the poorest parts of society. They also point to the government's control of foreign currency they need to buy pesticides, fertilizers, animal food and machinery from abroad.

Maduro, the hand-picked successor of the late Hugo Chavez, has put the blame for shortages squarely on the private sector, which he accused Monday of sabotaging the domestic market through "economic warfare." □



Empresas Polar chief executive Lorenzo Mendoza gives a news conference at his office in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, May 13, 2013. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

## Chile: Deal to export fresh water to Qatar denied

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — Chile denied on Monday that it will export fresh drinking water to Qatar after a recent report about shipments to the oil-rich but water-poor Persian Gulf country caused a public backlash. The Gulf Times newspaper of Qatar cited Chilean Ambassador Jean Paul Tarud over the weekend as saying that "Chile has some of the largest fresh water export capabilities in the world."

The report caused a public outcry in Chilean social media after Tarud reportedly confirmed that a trial project to export fresh

drinking water to Qatar had started.

But Chile's foreign ministry ruled out any such project, saying media reports had confused the intention of a private company in Qatar with a plan by Chile's government.

"There's no initiative from the government or our embassy" in the United Arab Emirates, the ministry said in a statement Monday. "Ambassador Tarud denies making the claims attributed to him on the subject and even more so, making any offerings involving the Chilean government."

The world's driest desert

is located in Chile's north and the country has been suffering from drought in several regions. Environmental groups have staged protests in recent months arguing that Chile's water scarcity is caused by government policies that exploit natural resources.

Chile's water code was enacted during the 1973-90 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet and gave the state authority to grant usage rights for all the Andean country's water.

Environmentalists also worry about thinning glaciers in Chile's south where the water would come from. □

## One of Belize's largest Mayan pyramids bulldozed for rocks

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**Associated Press**

**BELIZE CITY (AP)** — A construction company has essentially destroyed one of Belize's largest Mayan pyramids with backhoes and bulldozers to extract crushed rock for a road-

building project, authorities announced on Monday. The head of the Belize Institute of Archaeology, Jaime Awe, said the destruction at the Nohmul complex in northern Belize was detected late last week. The ceremonial center dates back at least 2,300 years and is the most important site in northern Belize, near the border with Mexico.

"It's a feeling of incredible disbelief because of the ignorance and the insensitivity ... they were using this for road fill," Awe said. "It's like being punched in the stomach, it's just so horrendous."

Nohmul sat in the middle of a privately owned sugar cane field, and lacked the even stone sides frequently seen in reconstructed or better-preserved pyramids. But Awe said the builders could not possibly have mistaken the pyramid mound, which is about 100 feet tall, for a natural hill because the ruins were well-known and the landscape there is naturally flat. "These guys knew that this was an ancient structure. It's just bloody laziness", Awe said. Photos from the scene showed backhoes clawing away at the pyramid's sloping sides, leaving an isolated core of limestone cobbles at the center, with what appears to be a narrow Mayan chamber dangling above one clawed-out section. "Just to realize that the ancient Maya acquired all this building material to erect these buildings, using nothing more than stone tools and quarried the stone, and carried this material on their heads, using tump lines," said Awe. "To think that today we have modern equipment, that you can go and excavate in a quarry anywhere, but that this company would com-

pletely disregard that and completely destroyed this building. Why can't these people just go and quarry somewhere that has no cultural significance? It's mind-boggling."

Belizean police said they are conducting an investigation and criminal charges are possible. The Nohmul complex sits on private land, but Belizean law says that any pre-Hispanic ruins are under government protection.

The Belize community-action group Citizens Organized for Liberty Through Action called the destruction of the archaeological site "an obscene example of disrespect for the environment and history."

It is not the first time it's happened in Belize, a country of about 350,000 people that is largely covered in jungle and dotted with hundreds of Mayan ruin sites, though few as large as Nohmul.

Arlen Chase, chairman of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Central Florida, said, "Archaeologists are disturbed when such things occur, but there is only a very limited infrastructure in Belize that can be applied to cultural heritage management." "Unfortunately, they (destruction of sites) are all too common, but not usually in the center of a large Maya site," Chase wrote. "Unfortunately, this destruction of our heritage is irreversible but many don't take it seriously," he added. "The only way to stop it is by showing that it is a major crime and people can and will go to jail for it." Robert Rosenswig, an archaeologist at the State University of New York at Albany, described the difficult and heartbreaking work of trying to salvage information at the nearby site of San Estevan following similar destruction around 2005.

"Bulldozing damage at San Estevan is extensive and the site is littered with Classic period potsherds," he wrote in an academic paper describing the scene. □





## 2012 National Polesitting Competition:

# Liesbeth Cornes and Shurman Milliard set a new record!

**ORANJESTAD** - They did it! Once again, like in 2012, the cool team of Liesbeth Cornes and Shurman Milliard has broken the National Polesitting record. The two stepped remarkably fresh and upbeat off their poles after 88 hours with no sleep. Liesbeth even had enough energy to dance to the rousing music of Tsunami; Shurman, looking spiffy, was also in great shape. Their effort, together with colleague sitters Nathan Janse and Raymond Kempen and the enthusiastic VIP-polesitters, has generated a whopping AWG. 16.500,-- for the 2013 charity of the event, Trampolin pa Trabao, an offspring of the foundation for the mentally challenged, Sonrisa.

"The entire event, in particular the VIP-pole, was a major success," said Café the Plaza manager Diana Celaire on Monday morning. "The VIPs received generous sponsoring from friends and family members; together they were good for a whopping



AWG. 10.000,--." For the polesitters finding sponsors was quite hard this year – the economic recession was clearly to blame for this. Sunday's VIP-sitters

brought tremendous financial support: Harry Koman, Lucia White, tea-drinking Bingo's Frans de Rooij, Sonrisa's Maikel Perez and radio personality Darren van Ommeren added big bucks. A great job!

The 2013 National Polesitting Championships at the Renaissance Marketplace traditionally closed with Tsunami. Diana Celaire promised that the 20th edition of the event will be even more spectacular.

Photos show Shurman and Liesbeth opening a bottle of champagne at 11 pm, 88 hours after they stepped onto their poles for the first time. Their polesitting colleagues Raymond Kempen and Nathan Janse came to congratulate them. □





**Bonaire:**

# The 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Pro-kids takes off this May!

**BONAIRE** - Together with sponsors, government official, sports leader, press, guest and Pro-kids Team celebrate their second press release in the rooms of Akkermans Auto Supply. Once more Pro-kids is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> edition to excel the talents of our youngsters. Thanks to the Pro-kids team that's working exhaustingly in their free time to keep this event going. This year the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Pro-kids event is dedicated to talented windsurfer Elton "Taty" Frans. Gerrald Victorina explains that Taty had achieved different competitions prizes on World Wide scale. He couldn't be present at the press release because he's competing in Curacao Challenge after he breaks the record in 1 hour and 40 minutes for sailing from Bonaire to Curacao for a good cause. Taty fundraising is for a young fisherman and windsurfer, who is suffering some health problems. We thank one of the sponsors Starboard who

cooperates with Pro-kids every year. Our main sponsor this year MCB represented by Ingrid Fenies said, "MCB Bonaire is honored to sponsor this humble event for the sake of our children. Contributing with the youngsters is helping them to follow examples of the professional for the well being and future of our beloved Bonaire. The Race Coordinator Elvis "Piskechi" Martinus thanks the Pro-kids Team and Gerrald Victorina for taking the lead in organizing this event. Elvis Martinus said he had been as a coordinator for 27 years already and wants young blood to take over. As race officials we have Hendrik Balentin and other officials. Parents admonish your child to register for this event. Still in Bonaire is at a very low price compare to other places. In 2003 we had a very young man that competes together with Kiri and others. His name is Jose "Gollito" Estredo that compete in the PWA Aus-



tria World Cup 2013 and won the first place. Today Jose Estredo with other 6 Bonairean are in the world top of windsurfing. Support the children in their professional achievements. Also children under 6 year can register. You never know if they will become a world cup champion tomorrow. Ennia represented by Dalitza Rijna proud to represent Ennia who is celebrating their 65 anniversary with Pro-kids this year and likes to cooperate with the Bonairean community in the



Baby Class event. In the mean time Ennia invite the whole Bonairean community for a toast May 20th, 2013 at Ennia office.

Gerrald Silberie represent in the name of our deputy James Kroon said, "That next year the government has a bigger task. Seeing the magnitude of all the sponsors for this year for next year the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary it has to be even bigger." The event starts Friday 31st of May 2013 with an Opening Event, after that with the Night Sailing with our professionals and closing that night with Foy-an Boyz. Saturday June 1st we continue with Aerobics Marathon, Stand-up Paddleboard and BBQ night with Omega 13. Sunday June the 2nd 2013 is the closing event for beach sport, windsurfing and awards ceremony. The closing night will be entertained by OREO, Claudius Philips and Jairo Evertsz. For every night their will be a tremendous bar and kitchen.

Silvio "Chio" Semeleer has a new project for uniform girls' football team between 12 to 16 years. Sunday 2nd of June 2013 come and see the girls on the field at Sorobon between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Julisa de Grijze invites you to their Aerobics Marathon Saturday June the 1st, 2013 beginning 8:00 in the morning time on the Sorobon Beach together with 3 different instructors. On Friday the 31st of May 2013 you can register at Sorobon Beach at a cost of 10 dollar. Each participant will get a T-shirt. Bolas Krioyo represent by Petra Nicolaas vice-president of the organization explains, "Bolas Krioyo had been joining this event for 4 years already. Every year this sport takes at lot of sympathizers to cheer the game and its teams. The games will start the 31st of May and finish the 2nd of June 2013. Teams must register by the 20th of May 2013. Beach Volleyball directing by Omar Sint Jago said the games start at 7:00 pm on Friday 31 of May and Saturday June the 1st 2013. Sunday the games will start at 5:00 pm.

Domino will be coordinated by Kilin Wanga that couldn't be present that night. So Pro-kids Team invites the whole Bonairean Community for the weekend of 31st of May - 2nd of June 2013 at Sorobon Beach for sport activities, shows event and music entertainments. We give our sponsors special thanks for believing in this organization. Mentioning Starboard, MCB, TCB, Telbo NV, Akkermans Auto Supply, Ennia, FWN, Bristro 'le Paris, Young and Talent, JibeCity, Stinapa, Bonaire Windsurf Place, Budget Marine, Selibon, Gobierno di Bonaire, Budget Care Rental, Plaza Resort Bonaire, Multi-Post Bonaire NV, Bonaire Containers Services, Don Andres, Hites Bonaire, City Cafe, Gio's Caribbean Gelateria & Cafe and all those that cooperates with us in a way or the other. □

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ees are: Wilfred and Teresa Riendeau, residents of Massachusetts, honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for 20 years, and John O. and Sandra Lee Sforza, residents of Connecticut, honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for 20 years. All of the honorees are members of Playa Linda Beach Resort and have been enjoying the Island every year. DarleneS. deCuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ai-



kelene Jones Front Office Agent representing conducted the ceremony at Playa Linda Beach Resort.

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## Organized by the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association: Second Junior Mini Tour golf event a big success!

**ORANJESTAD** - On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2013, the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association (DCGA) organized their second Junior Mini Tour at the Aruba Golf Club. This DCGA Junior Mini Tour is the second of a number of Junior Golf events. The Junior Mini Tour Program is part of the Committed to Youth Program and is developed for all ages and therefore offers junior golfers, both boys and girls the opportunity to play competitions.

The Junior Mini Tour has 3 age categories 0-12, 13-14, and 15-17 and 3 formats that are aimed to enable the junior participants to complete with each other on their level in International tournament formats. The Aruba Golf Club is one of the oldest Golf Clubs in the Dutch Caribbean and with still the authentic sanded oiled greens as common in 1941. The

Aruba Golf Club is a challenging Golf Course and the participants enjoyed playing the Golf course at the Aruba Golf Club.

The next Junior Mini Tour will be played at Divi Links Golf Course on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2013, and is open for registration for those whom are familiar with the game of Golf and those whom are interest to learn more about the game of Golf.

The winners of the Junior Mini Tour at the Aruba Golf Club were Lucas and Liam Croes (0-12), VJ Luidens (13-14), and Ludson Maduro (15-17).

The participants of the Junior Mini Tour of the age group 12-17 can also take part in the RBC Junior Open Championship.

The DCGA and RBC are organizing the 1st RBC Junior Open Golf Tournament. The Junior Open will take place June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Tierra Del Sol. The RBC Ju-



nior Open is open for registration to both local as International teams. RBC is the official title sponsor of the RBC Junior Open. Dutch Caribbean Golf Association - Grow The Game.

Dutch Caribbean Golf Association (DCGA) is the governing body of golf in the Dutch Caribbean, representing 7 Golf Courses across the region. Recognized by the Netherlands Golf Federation (NGF) for

golf in this region, Dutch Caribbean Golf Association's mission is to grow participation, excellence and passion in the sport while upholding the integrity and traditions of the game. □

## Catch your own dinner with Driftwood! Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "from the pier to your plate!"



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## Tiger on Sunday



Tiger Woods gives a thumbs-up as he holds the trophy after winning The Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Sunday, May 12, 2013, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.  
Associated Press

### DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) —

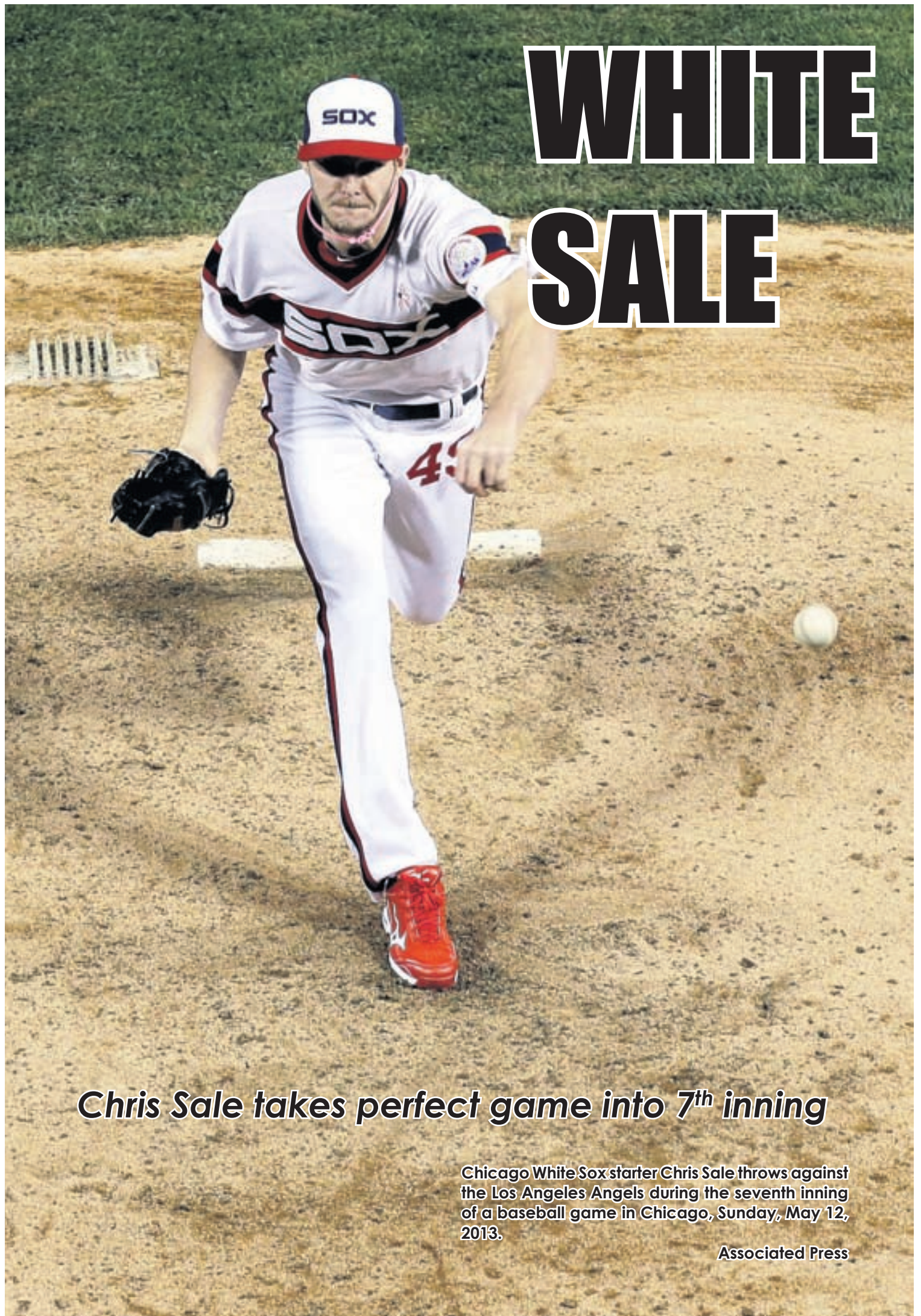
Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus have never had a conversation longer than a couple of minutes, and rarely about golf. Maybe it's because they already think along the same lines when it comes to winning tournaments.

The Players Championship was another example of how Woods rarely beats himself.

Nicklaus was under the oak tree at Augusta National last month after hitting his ceremonial tee shot when he talked about one that got away, the first time he had a share of the lead going into the final round of a major and didn't win. It was the 1971 Masters, and he found the water trying to reach the 15th green with a 3-wood.

"I don't like to waste a tournament on one shot," Nicklaus said.

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## Chris Sale takes perfect game into 7<sup>th</sup> inning

Chicago White Sox starter Chris Sale throws against the Los Angeles Angels during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, May 12, 2013.

Associated Press



# Italian Open Robson beats Venus, faces Serena next

**ANDREW DAMPF**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**ROME (AP)** — Venus Williams lost in the first round of the Italian Open to Laura Robson. Now sister Serena will get a chance to even the score.

Robson, a quickly improving 19-year-old British player, beat Venus Williams 6-3, 6-2 on Monday to set up a second-round match with top-ranked Serena.

Robson won the Wimbledon junior title at 14 and at last week's Madrid Open, she upset fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska before losing in the third round to 16th-seeded Ana Ivanovic in a third-set tie-breaker.

"I just like it on big courts against these huge players because I just go out there with nothing to lose," the 39th-ranked Robson said. "I can remember seeing (Venus) play at Wimbledon when I was about 10 and

I was kind of blown away with the speed that she hit the ball.

"Today when she hit it in the center of the racket it was basically point over, so I just had to take my chances."

Both players struggled with the wind at the Foro Italico, with Robson hitting eight double-faults and Williams six. However,

Williams' errors came at more inopportune times, with two double-faults in the final game.

"It's always hard to play high quality tennis in that wind," Robson said. "I wish it could have been a higher standard but I'm happy to have won."

Serena, who won the Madrid title Sunday, watched the match from the stands. "(Robson) has a great game," the younger Williams sister said. "She's really young, still. She's just so free and she looks great on the court and she's so



**Venus Williams of the United States serves the ball to Laura Robson of Britain during their match at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Monday, May 13, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

smooth and she's a lefty, so that just adds a notch to her whole level.

"I've never played her before. I've always wanted to. So I have a tough second-round match."

Serena's only title at this clay-court tournament came in 2002 but if she continues playing the way she did in Madrid — and in her previous two tournaments, which she also won — she'll be difficult to beat.

"She is playing probably her best tennis," Robson said. "So it's going to be insanely tough but I'm just going to go out there and

do my best."

This tournament is the last major warm-up for the French Open, the year's second Grand Slam, which starts May 26.

The top 32 players get seeded for Grand Slams.

"I've said since the start of the year that I wanted to be seeded for Wimbledon and it would be great if I were to be seeded for Roland Garros as well," Robson said.

The top-eight seeded players in Rome have first-round byes.

In other matches, ninth-seeded Samantha Stosur

cruised past Su-Wei Hsieh of Taiwan 6-2, 6-3; two-time champion Jelena Jankovic overpowered Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-3, 6-0; Sabine Lisicki of Germany eliminated American qualifier Mallory Burdette 6-1, 6-2; and Italian wildcard entry Nastassja Burnett defeated 2008 finalist Alize Cornet of France 6-2, 6-2.

In a night match that was suspended briefly due to a lights outage, 59th-ranked Kiki Bertens of Netherlands beat 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 7-6 (5), 6-1. □

## Colombia's Javier Acevedo leads Tour of California

**PALM SPRINGS, California (AP)** — Javier Acevedo of Colombia bolted to the lead in the last 700 yards (640 meters) of the final steep climb to win Monday's second stage in scorching heat to take the overall lead at the Tour of California.

The 27-year-old rider completed the 124.1-mile (200-kilometer) Murrieta to Greater Palm Springs road race in 5 hours, 7 minutes and 40 seconds as temperatures approached 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 degrees Celsius).

Acevedo, who rides for U.S. team Jamis-Hagens Berman, leads American Tejay van Garderen (BMC) by 12 seconds with six stag-



**The peloton rapidly approaches the leaders on North Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs, Calif., during the Amgen Tour of California Bike Race on Monday, May 13, 2013. This was Stage 2 of the race which started in Murrieta, Calif., and finished in Palm Springs, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

es remaining.

Van Garderen, who with Acevedo began the day 16 seconds behind over-

night leader Liuwe Westra, finished 12 seconds behind.

Phil Dignan (United

Healthcare) of Ireland was 27 seconds back to take third in the stage and is also third overall.

Acevedo and van Garderen moved to the front in the final stretch of the 3.7-mile (6-kilometer) climb to the tram station finish that included an average 8.5 percent gradient.

"I waited for the moment when I felt the strongest," said Acevedo, who claimed his seventh career pro win and second in 12 days.

"For me, it was about the same as yesterday although the altitude was higher. I was lucky I stayed away."

The intense heat and dry desert conditions ravaged

the field.

Acevedo, who won the opening stage of the Tour of the Gila in New Mexico on May 1, was among many riders who collapsed at the finish into the arms of support staff.

Marco Pinotti (BMC), who finished the stage and Belgian Pieter Serry (Omega Pharma-Quickstep), who collapsed about a half-mile from the finish, were both transported to a hospital with heat-related issues.

"It was probably the hottest race that I've ever done," said van Garderen, who placed fourth and fifth overall the past two years. "Insane. It was unlike anything I've ever done." □



## AL Capsules

## Sale throws 1-hitter as White Sox beat Angels 3-0

## The Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Chris Sale took a perfect game into the seventh inning before finishing with a one-hitter as the Chicago White Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 3-0 on Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Mike Trout's sharp single to center ended the perfect game bid with one out in the seventh, on Sale's 70th pitch.

Sale (4-2) struck out seven on just 98 pitches for his first career shutout and third consecutive win. Sale's one-hitter is Chicago's first since Zach Stewart had one on Sept. 5, 2011, at Minnesota.

Alexei Ramirez's two-run two-out single in the bottom of the seventh drove in Tyler Flowers and Tyler Greene to give Sale the lead and chase Los Angeles' C.J. Wilson (3-2). Alex Rios then doubled off reliever Michael Kohn to drive in Ramirez, who had three hits and scored a run. Chris Iannetta reached base on Ramirez's throwing error in the ninth for Los Angeles, which had two base runners.

RANGERS 12, ASTROS

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Adrian Beltre's three-run homer was one of his four hits, and David Murphy and Leonys Martin also homered as Texas completed a three-game sweep.

Texas set a season high for runs in winning its fourth in

a row, and did it quickly. Beltre's homer in the fifth made it 12-1.

Beltre doubled twice and drove in four runs. He homered for the second straight day, hitting a drive that was ruled a double and changed to a homer after a video review. Beltre connected off Edgar Gonzalez, signed by the Astros



earlier in the day.

Chris Carter hit a three-run homer for Houston, Brandon Barnes added a two-run shot and Jason Castro had a solo homer.

The Astros have lost four straight at are 10-28, the worst 38-game start in team history, STATS said.

Nick Tepesch (3-3) got the win. Jordan Lyles (1-1) allowed 11 hits and a career-high eight runs in four innings.

BLUE JAYS 12, RED SOX 4

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jose Bautista hit two of Toronto's five home runs as the Blue

Jays beat Boston to take two of three in the series.

Emilio Bonifacio, Edwin Encarnacion and Brett Lawrie also homered for the Blue Jays.

Chad Jenkins (1-0) got his second major league win. Ryan Dempster (2-4) gave up six runs and seven hits in five innings.

Red Sox right fielder Shane

the fifth time in six decisions.

The Yankees scored all their runs off Ervin Santana (3-2) and won their fifth in a row. Mariano Rivera closed to remain perfect in 15 save opportunities — he's converted 29 straight against the Royals since 1998, his longest active streak against any team.

INDIANS 4, TIGERS 3, 10 INNINGS

**DETROIT (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Mark Reynolds hit a tie-breaking single in the 10th inning as the Cleveland Indians downed Detroit.

Cleveland tied it in the ninth when Michael Brantley hit a two-out RBI single off closer Jose Valverde. Joe Smith (1-0) pitched the bottom of the inning,

and the Indians took the lead in the 10th.

Reynolds won it with his single off Darin Downs (0-1).

Rich Hill got the first two outs of the Detroit 10th, and Cody Allen finished for his first career save.

The Indians took two of three from the defending AL champions. Cleveland has not lost any of its last seven series.

ORIOLES 6, TWINS 0

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Chris Davis, Adam Jones and Steve Pearce homered as the Baltimore Orioles defeated Minnesota.

Wei-Yin Chen (3-3) pitched five strong innings before leaving with a strained right oblique, and the Orioles won for the sixth time in eight games.

Scott Diamond (3-3) tied a career high by giving up six earned runs in 5 2-3 innings.

**MARINERS 6, ATHLETICS 1 SEATTLE (AP)** — Joe Saunders won his ninth straight decision at Safeco Field and Kendrys Morales hit a three-run homer, leading the Seattle Mariners over Oakland.

Saunders (3-4) improved to 9-0 with a 1.72 ERA in 13 career appearances at Safeco. He is 3-0 with an 0.94 ERA at home this year, but 0-4 with a 12.54 ERA on the road.

Tommy Milone (3-5) lost for the fifth straight start.

RAYS 4, PADRES 2

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)** — Sean Rodriguez, Yunel Escobar and James Loney drove in late runs for the Tampa Bay Rays as they finished a three-game sweep of San Diego.

The Rays won their fifth in a row overall.

Roberto Hernandez (2-4) earned the win and Fernando Rodney got his 11th save. Eric Stults (3-3) took the loss.

**In other AL games it was:** Cleveland 4, Detroit 3, 10 innings; Toronto 12, Boston 4; Tampa Bay 4, San Diego 2; Baltimore 6, Minnesota 0; N.Y. Yankees 4, Kansas City 2; Texas 12, Houston 7; and Seattle 6, Oakland 1. □

## WADA hones a new code including harsher penalties

**MONTREAL (AP)** — The World Anti-Doping Agency's top officials spent the weekend honing a new global code which includes doubling suspensions for some drug cheats. WADA's executive committee and foundation board met in Montreal to review the third draft of the proposed 2015 World Anti-Doping code, which will come up for approval at the Nov. 12-15 World Conference on Doping in Sport in Johannesburg.

WADA revealed last November it planned to increase bans for serious violations from two years to four years and its president, John Fahey, said the final revision over the weekend was intended to make the code shorter and sharper.

Fahey said WADA had received almost 4,000 individual comments about the code since starting the review in November 2011.

"WADA values the input of these stakeholders and is pleased with the level of their engagement throughout the review process," Fahey said in a WADA statement. "The Agency continually seeks to enhance the framework that supports the anti-doping system, and revisions depend on these contributions."

As well as the longer sanctions for athletes caught using prohibited performance-enhancing substances, the proposed new code also defines punishments in cases involving coaches and other athlete support staff among other amendments with an emphasis

on testing and investigations.

"Quality WADA-approved testing programs are needed to ensure that testing is effective and that sophisticated cheaters are found," Fahey said.

"This will ultimately advance the fight against doping in sport.

In other matters from the weekend meeting, WADA decided to immediately implement a modification to increase the threshold level for marijuana to ensure that athletes using the substance in competition will be detected.

The Athlete Committee was also urging Kenya's government to put in place an independent inquiry to investigate the doping allegations involving some Kenyan athletes. □



# Red Wings finish off Ducks 3-2 in Game 7

**The Associated Press**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)**

— Henrik Zetterberg and Valtteri Filppula each had a goal and an assist as the Detroit Red Wings finished off the Anaheim Ducks with a 3-2 victory in Game 7 on Sunday.

Justin Abdelkader scored a short-handed goal and Jimmy Howard made 31 saves as the seventh-seeded Red Wings won three of the first-round series' final four games to oust the Ducks, who had the NHL's third-best record in the regular season.

Detroit faces top-seeded Chicago in the second round.

Emerson Etem and Francois Beauchemin scored and Jonas Hiller stopped 29 shots for the Ducks, who failed to win their first playoff series since 2009 despite home-ice advantage in Game 7.

After the clubs played four overtimes in the series' first six games, the Red Wings largely dominated the anti-climactic clincher — and for the first time in the series, the Wings didn't even need overtime to win. Beauchemin got credit for

a power-play goal with 3:17 to play when the puck banked off Jonathan Ericsson's skate in front of How-

ard, but Anaheim never really got close to a tying goal late. RANGERS 1, CAPITALS 0 NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist stopped 27 shots

in earning his seventh NHL playoff shutout, and Derick Brassard scored a second-period goal for the New York Rangers, who stayed

alive with a 1-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Sunday that forced a Game 7 in the first-round series.

to struggling forward Rick Nash. The reigning Vezina Trophy winner made it stand up, and helped send the series back to Washington for the

deciding game Monday night. The home team has won all six games in the series. The game ended with a melee in the far left corner in the New York zone after the final buzzer had sounded.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, BRUINS 1 TORONTO (AP) — Captain Dion Phaneuf and Phil Kessel scored third-period goals as Toronto edged Boston to send the playoff series back to Boston for Game 7.

Game 7 is Monday night in Boston. Milan Lucic scored for Boston with 26 seconds left in the third. The Maple Leafs have momentum after two consecutive wins. James Reimer made 29 saves for the Maple Leafs. For Phaneuf, scoring a goal was a bit of redemption after being involved in the play that led to the Bruins' overtime winner in Game 4.

Phaneuf's goal at 1:48 of the third period came after Nazem Kadri ripped a wrist shot that was tipped in by Phaneuf, who had made his way to the front of the goal after continuing his rush. □



**Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard stops a shot during the first period in Game 7 of their first-round NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoff series against the Anaheim Ducks in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, May 12, 2013.**

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## Tiger on Sunday

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"If I was today thinking about strategy of what I wanted to do on that, I probably wouldn't have done it. I put myself out of the tournament. One shot shouldn't be a shot that puts you out of the tournament."

The island green on the TPC Sawgrass is nothing like the 15th at Augusta National, but it's hard not to think about Nicklaus when reviewing the hole that settled a weekend duel between Woods and Sergio Garcia.

Woods was standing on the 17th tee Sunday when he looked over and saw Garcia approaching the par-5 16th green with a putter in hand, realizing he was there in two and at worst would make birdie to tie Woods for the lead.



**Sergio Garcia, of Spain, reacts as his tee shot on the 17th hole goes into the water during the final round of The Players Championship golf tournament at Sawgrass Sunday, May 12, 2013, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.**

**Associated Press**

The pin was in its traditional Sunday location, the back right corner behind the bunker. Finding land is always the priority. From there, it's a bonus to catch the ridge that feeds the golf ball down a gentle slope toward the hole. "The thing is, you can

get baited into hitting it over there, and that's the hard part," Woods said. "I thought that the prudent play for me was hit it in the center of the green, even left-center, and try and hit kind of a pull-cut. If I hit a pull-cut, it's going to have a little bit of distance to

it, and it might have the shape where it might land up on top and feed down. But when I hit it, a little bit of gust came up and it stalled out." The ball stayed on the front of the green, leaving a difficult putt from 45 feet. Woods hit a lot of good putts that didn't go in Sunday. This might have been the best putt that he wasn't expecting to go in. The pace was perfect, 3 feet away, and he made his par. Mission accomplished.

Garcia, who two-putted for birdie on the 16th, was standing on the 17th tee watching Woods make his par.

The Spaniard won The Players Championship in 2008 in a playoff on the 17th hole. Paul Goydos came up short and in the water, Garcia found the green. This wasn't a playoff. Garcia, however, went at the flag and posed over

the shot until he saw the splash. "As the ball was in the air I was thinking, 'Please be right,' because it was straight at it," Garcia said. "It was probably 3 feet left of the hole. When it splashed, you think, 'Well, hopefully I hit a good shot after this and make 4 and still have a chance on the next.' It's pretty much as simple as that."

Only it wasn't that simple. His next shot bounced off the mound framing a bunker and caromed back into the water. He wound up with a quadruple-bogey 7. Adding to his misery, Garcia put his tee shot into the water on the 18th for a double bogey.

To say such mistakes never happen to Woods would be to ignore the final hole at Dubai in 2001, when he went for the green on the 18th hole and found water for a double bogey to lose by two shots. □



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## Derby winner Orb arrives at Pimlico for Preakness

**DAVID GINSBURG**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Orb has settled into the place reserved for royalty at Pimlico Race Course — stall 40. The Triple Crown hopeful arrived at Pimlico on Monday afternoon, five days before the Preakness. He was immediately taken to stall 40 at the Stakes Barn, which traditionally serves as home to the Kentucky Derby winner.

Some of the greatest horses in history have been kept there, including Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977) and Affirmed (1978). "I can't believe how proud I am," trainer Shug McGaughey said.

Orb was shipped by van after an outstanding workout at Belmont Park. With exercise rider Jennifer Patterson aboard, Orb seemed to move effortlessly around the track on a clear, sunny day. He breezed four furlongs in 47.18 seconds and galloped out five furlongs in 59.54. "The way he worked this morning was nothing short of magnificent," McGaughey said. "I could be any happier where we are, and I'm very excited about Saturday afternoon."

McGaughey wasn't concerned with the fast fractions, which came nine days after running 1¼ miles in the Derby.

"I think it's a tribute to the way he came out of the Derby, and to come back and be able to have a work like that and do it the way he did it — I couldn't be more thrilled," he said in New York. "Right now, I'm on cloud nine. The way he was striding today, the way he held his leads through the lane, I thought it was spectacular."

McGaughey understands the pressure associated with trying to

the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed, although he sees no reason to be nervous.

"Obviously I'm thinking about what I'm going to do this week, but I'm not really worried about it," he said. Orb hasn't done anything that would indicate he won't be at his best on Saturday. "Everything just of sort of keeps getting better, his demeanor and as much as he's enjoying what he's doing," the Hall of Fame trainer said.

Orb was the second horse to arrive at Pimlico, joining Golden Cent, the 17th-place finisher in the Derby.

"I wanted to just get him down here, get him used to his surroundings," McGaughey said. "I like to school him in the paddock, and I didn't want to do too much at one time. So I thought we'd get him in here today, give him his off day tomorrow and then maybe we'll train a little on Wednesday."

For McGaughey, being the favorite in the Preakness is preferable to coming in as the long shot. "I want to be the favorite every time I run," he said. "Today we're standing up here with a little bit of a target on our back. I like that. If it doesn't work on Saturday, that's going to be just the way it is. I've been doing this quite a long time, and I know you win some and you lose some."

McGaughey has never won a Preakness. The last time he tried was in 1989, when Kentucky Derby runner-up Easy Goer lost to Sunday Silence by a nose.

"Obviously I'm here with the Derby winner so I'm a lot more at ease than when I came in that time," he



Kentucky Derby winner Orb is walked to a horse van at Belmont Park, Monday, May 13, 2013 in Elmont, N.Y. Orb is traveling to Pimlico to prepare for the Preakness, Saturday, May 18.

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said.

A win in the 1 3/16-mile Preakness on Saturday would set up a Triple Crown try in the Belmont Stakes on June 8. Orb, owned by the Phipps Stable and Stuart Janney III, takes a five-race winning streak in the Preakness, where he will face what look to be nine challengers. Among them are Derby runners Mylute (fifth), Oxbow (sixth), Will Take Charge (eighth), Itsmyluckyday (15th) and Goldencents. Also set for the race is Departing, winner of the Illinois Derby.

"I think it's formidable," McGaughey said. "I know that Oxbow

made a good run in the Derby. I never really kind of sat down and watched it and pinned it down. The other horse (Will Take Charge) got in some trouble. You've got to respect Departing coming in there off his race in the Illinois Derby and being relatively fresh.

My main concern is just trying to get Orb over there the best way we possibly can and if he runs his race I think they'll know he's in there." □

## Kansas City, Portland win in MLS

**HOUSTON (AP)** — French defender Aurelien Collin scored in the 73rd minute to lift Sporting Kansas City to a 1-0 win over the Houston Dynamo in Major League Soccer on Sunday. At Portland, Oregon, Rodney Wallace, Diego Valeri and Will Johnson each

scored as the Portland Timbers extended their unbeaten streak to nine matches with a 3-0 victory over Chivas USA.

Houston's loss ended its record 36-game home unbeaten streak, including 30 straight in the MLS. Houston had not lost at home since

a 2-0 defeat against Columbus on June 18, 2011.

Collin's goal gave Sporting Kansas City its second win in five games.

Portland, which joined the MLS in 2011, suffered its only loss of the season on March 9 when it went down 2-1 at home to Montreal. □



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# 2 new diseases could both spark global outbreaks

**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Two respiratory viruses in different parts of the world have captured the attention of global health officials — a novel coronavirus in the Middle East and a new bird flu spreading in China.

Last week, the coronavirus related to SARS spread to France, where one patient who probably caught the disease in Dubai infected his hospital roommate. Officials are now trying to track down everyone who went on a tour group holiday to Dubai with the first patient as well as all contacts of the second patient. Since it was first spotted last year, the new coronavirus has infected 34 people, killing 18 of them. Nearly all had some connection to the Middle East. The World Health Organization, however, says there is no reason to think the virus is restricted to the Middle East and has advised health officials worldwide to closely monitor any unusual respiratory cases.

At the same time, a new

bird flu strain, H7N9, has been infecting people in China since at least March, causing 32 deaths out of 131 known cases.

WHO, which is closely monitoring the viruses, says both have the potential to cause a pandemic — a global epidemic — if they

evolve into a form easily spread between people. Here's a crash course in what we know so far about them:

**Q:** How are humans getting infected by the new coronavirus?

**A:** Scientists don't exactly know. There is some sug-

gestion the disease is jumping directly from animals like camels or goats to humans, but officials are also considering other sources, like a common environmental exposure. The new coronavirus is most closely related to a bat virus, but it's possible that bats are

transmitting the disease via another source before humans catch it.

**Q:** Can the new coronavirus be spread from human to human?

**A:** In some circumstances, yes. There have been clusters of the disease in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Britain and now France, where the virus has spread from person-to-person. Most of those infected were in very close contact, such as people taking care of a sick family member or health workers treating patients. There is no evidence the virus is spreading easily between people and all cases of human-to-human transmission have been limited so far.

**Q:** How are people catching the bird flu H7N9?

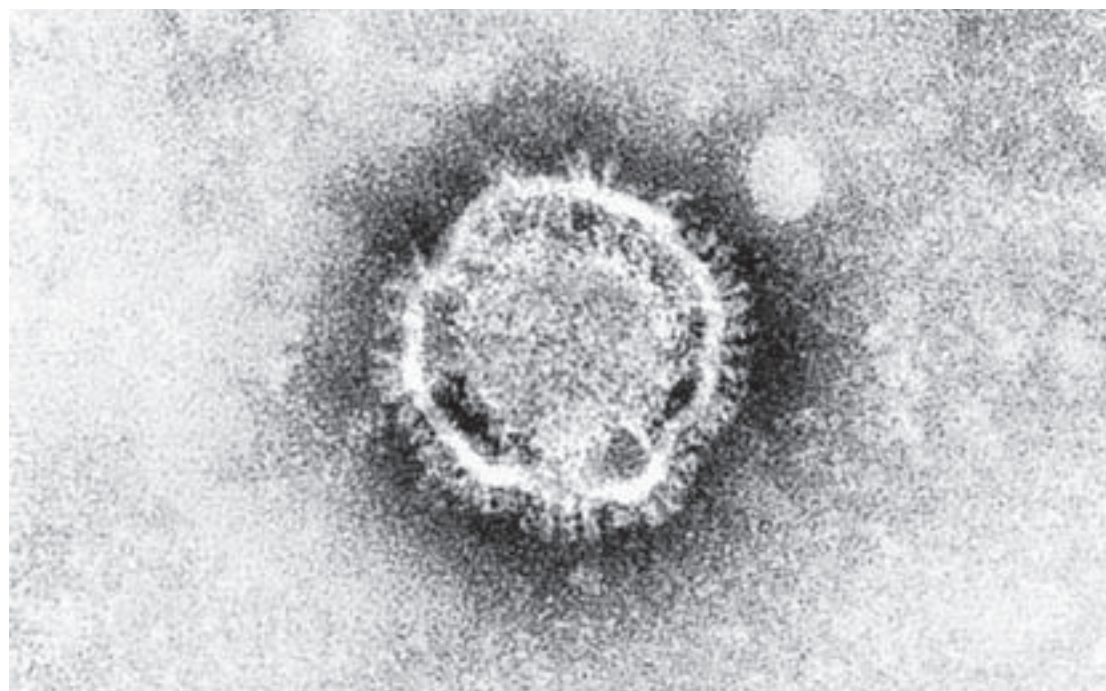
**A:** Some studies suggest the new bird flu is jumping directly to people from poultry at live bird markets. Cases have slowed down since Chinese authorities began shutting down such markets. But it's unclear exactly what kind of exposure is needed for humans to catch the virus and very few animals have tested positive for it. Unlike the last bird flu strain to cause global concern, H5N1, the new strain doesn't appear to make birds sick and may be spreading silently in poultry populations.

**Q:** What precautions can people take against these new viruses?

**A:** WHO is not advising people to avoid traveling to the Middle East or China but is urging people to practice good personal hygiene like regular hand-washing. "Until we know how and where humans are contracting these two diseases, we cannot control them," said Gregory Hartl, WHO spokesman.

**Q:** Which virus should we be more worried about?

**A:** It's impossible to know. "We really don't want to play the game of predicting which virus will be more deadly than the other," Hartl said. At the moment, both are worrisome since so little is known about how they are infecting humans and both appear to cause severe disease. □



This image released by the British Health Protection Agency shows an electron microscope image of a coronavirus, part of a family of viruses that cause ailments including the common cold and SARS, which was first identified last year in the Middle East.

(AP Photo/Health Protection Agency)

## Deaths from West Nile virus hit record last year

**MIKE STOBBE**

**AP Medical Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. health officials say last year was the worst ever for West Nile virus deaths.

The final tally reported Monday was 286 deaths — or two more than the record set in 2002.

But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that there were far fewer illnesses overall, and fewer serious cases than in previous years.

The CDC had predicted it would be a bad year because of weather conditions that promote breeding of the mosquitoes that spread the virus to people. The CDC report Monday showed Texas had nearly a third of the serious cases, and about a third of the deaths.

West Nile virus was first diagnosed in Uganda in 1937, but no cases were reported in the U.S. until 1999 in New York. It gradually spread to the West Coast. □



Scott Sawlis sorts mosquitos according to species and gender before testing them at the county mosquito lab in Dallas. Health officials say 2012 was the worst for West Nile deaths since the virus was reported in the country over a decade ago. The final tally reported Monday, May 13, 2013, was 286 deaths or two more than the previous record set in 2002.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)



# GM says supercomputers to keep recalls in check

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**

**WARREN, Michigan (AP)** — General Motors Co. says a new supercomputing data center and a fledgling shift to bring software development in-house should help it limit the size of future safety recalls.

The Detroit automaker, which formally opened the giant data storage center in suburban Warren, Michigan, on Monday, said the changes are examples of how it is moving faster to cut costs and serve its customers better by bringing more computer technology inside the company. In the past, GM's regional operations tracked problems by themselves, sometimes without communicating with other regions, even though many of its cars are now sold world-

wide. Engineers in one region would check a problem part, but it wasn't studied worldwide, at least not at the early stages.

Now, with new software developed by GM's so-called innovation centers and the data storage, problems are spotted quickly when they crop up across the globe, and they're assigned to the right engineer who can work with parts makers to fix the problem faster, said Randy Mott, the company's chief information officer.

"You'd hope that if there is a problem with a set of components, that you understand which components were potentially susceptible and you would expect your recalls to be smaller," Mott said. "You identify it earlier and you

certainly limit it to only the ones affected by whatever the problem was."

GM, which typically sells more than 9 million vehicles worldwide each year, makes cars and trucks in 30 different countries. Many of its parts are common worldwide, so if there is a recall, it can be large and costly. When problems are spotted and fixed early, the size and cost can be held down, Mott said.

GM also said Monday that during the next two years, the company will close 23 data centers worldwide and consolidate them into its two new Michigan facilities. GM says data centers at Google and Facebook were benchmarked to draw up plans for the state-of-the-art facilities. The Warren Center cost \$130 million to build,



**General Motors Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson holds a press conference at the GM Warren Tech Center in Warren, Mich., on May 13, 2013. Akerson, GM Chief Information Officer Randy Mott and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder were at the press conference concerning GM information technology.**

**Associated Press**

while the Milford center will cost \$100 million. GM will spend another \$158 million on each center for equipment.

It's all part of a push led by CEO and Chairman Dan Akerson, a former telecommunications executive, who believes it's important for companies to have their own information technology rather than outsource it to other companies. GM had outsourced 85 percent of its software development and computer technology. By consolidating the data centers and hiring about 9,000 people to staff four U.S. "innovation centers," the company hopes to bring 90 percent of the work in-house within five years, Mott said. Competitors, GM said, already have about 30 percent of their information technology work in-house.

GM, which began the data consolidation in the fall of 2011 and the software efforts last summer, isn't sure how far it has moved toward the 90 percent goal although it has hired 64 percent of the people needed to do it.

GM, Akerson said, now has the ability to watch its factories for production and parts supply problems, and perform more accurate virtual crash tests, saving costs and speeding new products to market. In the past, when most computer technology was outsourced, GM couldn't even monitor its own network of computers, he said.

"The responsiveness wasn't there," he said of the outside vendors. "There isn't a company on a global competitive basis that isn't good at I.T., that doesn't control its destiny by virtue of better information in every aspect of the business." GM also can use high-powered computers to analyze data across the globe to discover sales trends and potential new markets for its vehicles. The company said new crash-test simulations that were made possible by the data centers are cutting down on the number of physical crash tests that are needed. That saves the company roughly \$350,000 per test, GM said.

Even though GM is taking on the added capital investment and personnel costs, Mott said it will save money by eliminating the cost of paying outside computer technology vendors.

Bringing computer functions into the company can make it more agile, but there are risks as well, including hiring and keeping people who have many job choices, said Bryan Britz, a vice president with Gartner Inc., a firm that advises companies on information technology issues.

Most companies that outsource computer functions continue to do so and don't try to build them from inside, he said. But he also said GM is large enough to build and maintain a talent pool. □

## Icahn nominates himself, 11 others for Dell posts

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Carl Icahn is nominating himself and 11 other candidates for spots on the Dell Inc. board of directors.

The billionaire investor and Southeastern Asset Management own a combined 13 percent of the computer maker's shares. They want to keep Dell public, and oppose a \$24.4 billion offer from an investment group led by company founder and Chairman Michael Dell.

According to a form filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the nominees are Icahn, Matthew Jones, Bernard Lanning, Jr., Rahul Merchant, Peter van Oppen, Howard Silver and David Willmott, Harry Debes, Rajendra Singh, Gary Meyers, Daniel Ninivaggi, and Jonathan Christodoro to the board. Ninivaggi is CEO of Icahn Enterprises and Christodoro is managing director of Icahn Capital LP. Van Oppen is a partner at investment firm Trilogy Equity Partners, while Merchant is commissioner of New York City's Department of Information Technology



**This combination of Associated Press file photos shows, left, Dell founder Michael Dell, left, on Jan. 26, 2011, and Carl Icahn, on Oct. 7, 2007. Dell board members say they need more details from investor Carl Icahn if he wants them to speciously consider his latest challenge to Michael Dell's \$2.4 billion plan to take the computer maker private**

**Associated Press**

and Telecommunications and chief information and innovation officer. Willmott is president and chief operating officer of yard-care equipment maker Blount International Inc.

An investment group led by Michael Dell offered to take the Round Rock, Texas, company private for \$13.65 per share earlier this year. Dell shareholders will vote on the buyout offer in the next few months.

Icahn and Southeastern

say they would let shareholders keep their stake in the slumping PC maker so they could benefit from any Dell rebound. Icahn and Southeastern plan to pay for their offer with existing cash from the company and about \$5.2 billion in debt. A special committee of Dell directors said Monday that it wants to hear more details on the Icahn-Southeastern proposal.

Dell shares rose 7 cents to close at \$13.52. □



# Record-breaking market rally pauses on Monday

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A record-breaking rally in stocks paused Monday as investors assessed whether stock valuations were overstating the recent improvement in the economy. The latest positive data, out Monday, showed that Americans increased

spending at retailers last month.

That suggests that consumers may boost economic growth in the current quarter ending June 30. Still, that wasn't enough to lift shares. "What we have seen is a huge rally, and there aren't any stones unturned at this point," said Alec Young, global equity

strategist at S&P Capital IQ. "You reach a point where investors aren't willing to bid things up any more."

The Dow fell 26.81 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,091.68. The S&P 500 index was little changed at 1,633.77. The Dow is up 15.1 percent this year, and the S&P 500 is 14.6 percent higher. The Nasdaq composite

rose 2.21 points, 0.1 percent, to 3,438.79.

Stocks have surged this year, boosted by an improving economy, Federal Reserve stimulus and record corporate earnings. Signs that the housing market is reviving are also supporting stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard and Poor's 500 index both closed at record highs Friday.

Oil fell 87 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$95.17 a barrel. Gold dropped \$2.30, or 0.2 percent, to \$1,434.30 an ounce.

The U.S. dollar was little changed against the Japanese yen at 101.83 and gained against the euro. Retail sales increased 0.1 percent in April from March, the Commerce Department said Monday. That's an improvement from the 0.5 percent decline in March, which was the largest drop in nine months. Economists had forecast that sales declined by 0.3 percent.

Consumer sentiment is improving as the housing market recovers, which is giving people the confidence to spend more, said Doug Cote, chief market

strategist at ING Investment Management.

"If housing continues its upward trajectory, the animal spirits of the consumer will continue to be bolstered," said Cote.

On Monday, stocks started lower before paring some of those losses throughout the day. Telecommunications companies dropped the most of any industry group in the S&P 500 index, falling 0.83 percent. Health care companies advanced the most, rising 0.7 percent.

Health care companies have risen 21.4 percent this year, the most of any of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500. Investors have been buying the stocks because they offer some growth prospects and also pay large dividends. More than 90 percent of companies in the S&P 500 have reported earnings for the first quarter, and corporate earnings are projected to grow by an average of 5 percent for the period, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. While earnings growth has slowed from the previous quarter, it is forecast to end the year at 11.6 percent. □



Trader John Santiago works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A record-breaking rally in stocks paused Monday as investors assessed whether stock valuations were overstating the recent improvement in the economy.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Gold prices extend slump as dollar edges up

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gold prices continued their slide on Monday, pressured by a stronger U.S. dollar.

Gold for June delivery dropped \$2.30 to settle at \$1,434.30 an ounce on Monday. It has lost more than 14 percent this year. The dollar climbed against many major currencies. It traded up to 101.85 Japanese yen, extending its gains from last week.

The dollar's relative strength has helped draw many investors out of the gold market. In recent years, many of them treated gold as another currency. They bought gold in the belief that the dollar would slump, inflation would rise and other buyers would flock to gold, lifting its price. As the dollar has edged

up this year and inflation has remained tame, investors have started shedding their gold holdings. The dollar index, which measures the strength of the U.S. currency against a basket of currencies, has climbed 2 percent this month. Gold has lost 3 percent.

In other metals trading, silver for July delivery inched up 3.8 cents to settle at \$23.696 an ounce.

Copper and palladium also rose, while platinum prices dipped. Copper for July rose 0.65 of a cent to \$3.359 a pound.

Platinum for July fell \$1.50 to \$1,484.50 an ounce. June Palladium rose \$13 to \$718.70 an ounce.

Grains traded higher. Wheat rose 5.5 cents to \$7.0975 a bushel, while



Gold bars are on display at the "Gold" exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Gold, often touted as the most trustworthy of investments, has looked wild over the past month.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Corn rose 19.25 cents to \$6.5550 a bushel.

Soybeans added 20.25 cents to \$14.1925 a bushel. The stronger dollar weighed on prices in the market for oil and gas, too. Benchmark oil for June delivery fell 87 cents to finish at \$95.17 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Since oil is priced in dollars, a stronger dollar makes crude and other commodities more expensive to buyers with other currencies.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline fell 4 cents to finish at \$2.82 a gallon.

— Heating oil lost 2 cents to end at \$2.89 a gallon.

— Natural gas rose 2 cents to finish at \$3.93 per 1,000 cubic feet. □



## Virgin America posts 2012 loss; hints at an IPO

**JOSHUA FREED**  
AP Airlines Writer

Virgin America said it's close to turning around its financial losses and could be ready for an initial public offering as early as next year.

The airline reported another annual loss on Monday, but it's aiming for a profit in the second half of the year after reworking debt it owes to Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group and others. The improved finances should be one step on its way toward a public offering in late 2014 or in 2015, CEO David Cush said in an interview.

A share offering would be a way for Virgin Group and other shareholders to recoup some of their investments, Cush said. Virgin America, based in Burlingame, California, is privately held but reports its finances as part of financial disclosures required by the U.S. Transportation Department.

On Monday the airline said its 2012 net loss jumped 45 percent to \$145.4 million. Virgin America started flying in 2007 but has not turned an annual profit.

It posted a fourth-quarter loss of \$25 million, an improvement from its loss of \$30.8 million a year earlier. In the first quarter of this year it lost \$46.4 million, an improvement from its \$76 million loss during the same period last year.

Full-year revenue rose 29 percent to \$1.33 billion.

Virgin America has already deferred deliveries of new planes until 2015. Stopping its growth is a key part of making the airline profitable, Cush said.

It's also cutting interest payments.

Virgin America recently closed a deal that eliminates \$290 million in debt, a majority of it owed to Virgin Group, Cush said. The debt was converted to "conditional equity," he said.

The U.S. caps foreign ownership of U.S. airlines at 25 percent. □

## U.S. retail sales rise in April on cars, clothing

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans increased their spending in April at retail businesses, buying more cars and clothes while paying less for gas. The rebound from a weak March suggests consumers may help boost economic growth again this spring.

Retail sales edged up 0.1 percent in April from March, the Commerce Department said Monday. That's an improvement from a 0.5 percent decline in March, which was the largest drop in nine months. The April gain was stronger when taking out the effect of lower gas prices, which reduced sales at gas stations 4.7 percent — the largest decline since December 2008. The retail sales report is not adjusted for price changes.

When excluding gas station sales, retail spending rose 0.7 percent. And core retail sales, exclude gas, autos and building supplies, increased 0.5 per-

cent. Economists pay close attention to core sales because they strip out the most volatile categories.

Sales of autos rose 1 percent in April, rebounding

eral merchandise stores, a category that covers department stores, rose 1 percent. Sales were also strong at building materials and garden supply stores

paying higher Social Security taxes that has reduced their paychecks this year. Their spending will likely add to economic growth in the April-June quarter. Consumer spending makes up roughly 70 percent of economic activity.

"This is a good start to the second quarter," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "The rest of the year is expected to rise further on stronger household finances." The economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate from January through March, up from a 0.4 percent rate in the October-December quarter of 2012. The gain was largely because of the fastest growth in consumer spending in more than two years. But most of the increase came from greater spending at the start of the quarter. Consumers cut back sharply on retail spending in March, while paying more for utilities to heat their homes during a colder-than-usual month. □



**A woman walks past a J. Crew retail store in Baltimore. Americans increased their spending in April at retail businesses, buying more cars and clothes after cutting purchases sharply in March. The rebound suggests consumers may help boost growth again in the April-June quarter.**

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

from a 0.6 percent drop in March. Sales at clothing stores increased 1.2 percent and sales at gen-

and electronics and appliance stores.

Consumers increased their spending in April, despite

## Elan enters \$1B royalty deal with Theravance

**The Associated Press**

Irish drugmaker Elan Corp. PLC plans to pay \$1 billion for the right to future royalties from four respiratory treatments being developed by Theravance Inc. and GlaxoSmithKline.

The deal announced Monday will give Elan 21 percent of the future royalties that South San Francisco, California-based Theravance receives from Glaxo, a British drugmaker. Theravance shares climbed \$5.62, or 16.1 percent, to \$40.56 in afternoon trading. Earlier the stock reached an all-time high of \$40.70. Drugs named in the deal include Breo Ellipta, a once-a-day inhaled treatment that just received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and two treatments that have entered late-stage testing. The treatments also include Anoro Ellipta, for which the drugmakers



**A sign for British pharmaceuticals firm GlaxoSmithKline is seen on its offices, in London Irish drugmaker Elan Corp. PLC plans to pay \$1 billion for the right to future royalties from four respiratory treatments being developed by Theravance Inc. and GlaxoSmithKline.**

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

have filed for regulatory approval in both the United States and Europe.

On Friday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it approved Breo Ellipta for long-term use and to control flare-ups in patients

with chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, often called smoker's cough. The drug will be named Relvar Ellipta in Europe, where regulators are still reviewing it.

The companies expect to

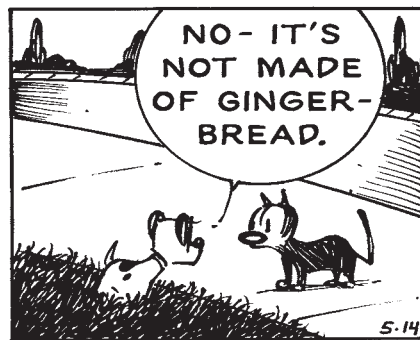
close the royalty agreement at the end of June if Elan shareholders approve it. Elan plans to use 20 percent of the sales it receives from this agreement to pay shareholders a cash dividend. □



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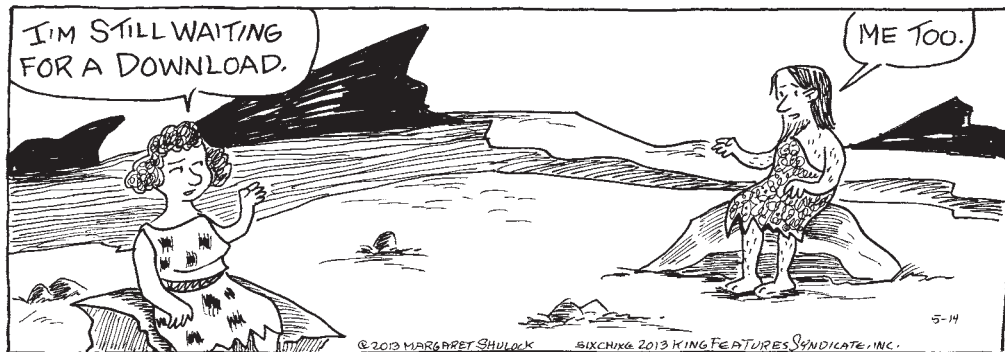


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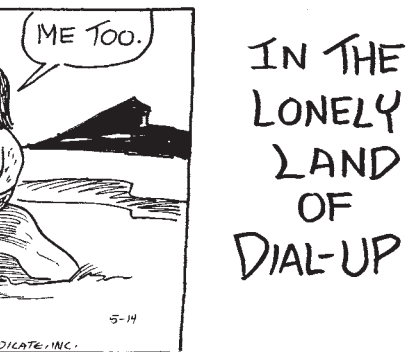
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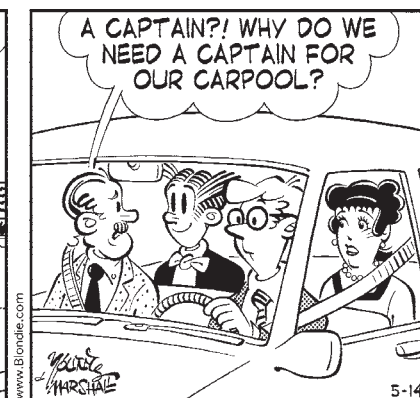
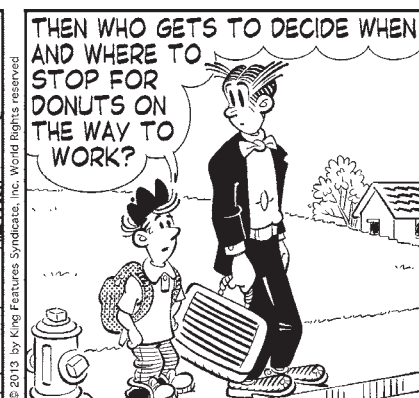
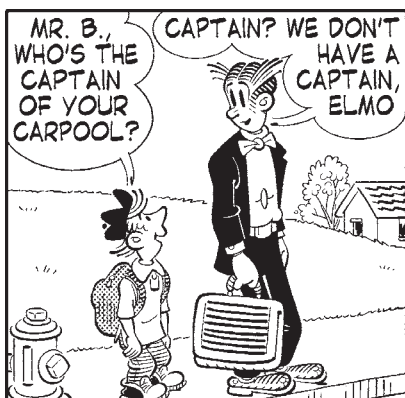
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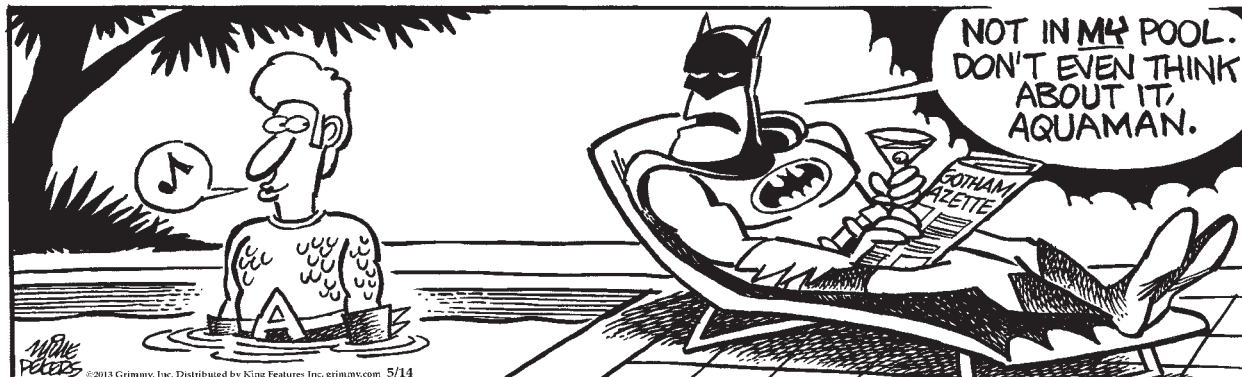
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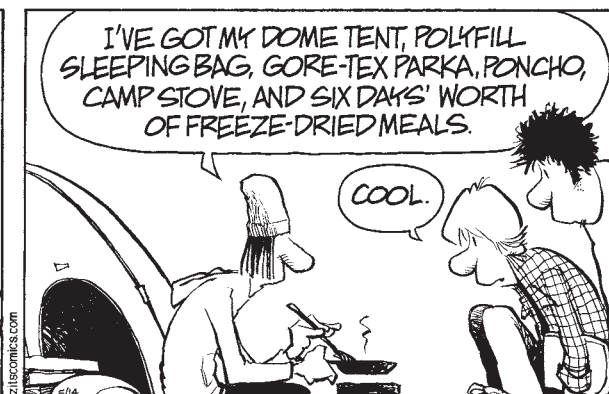
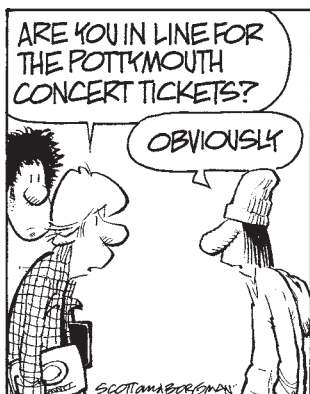


## Baby Blues



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## Conceptis Sudoku

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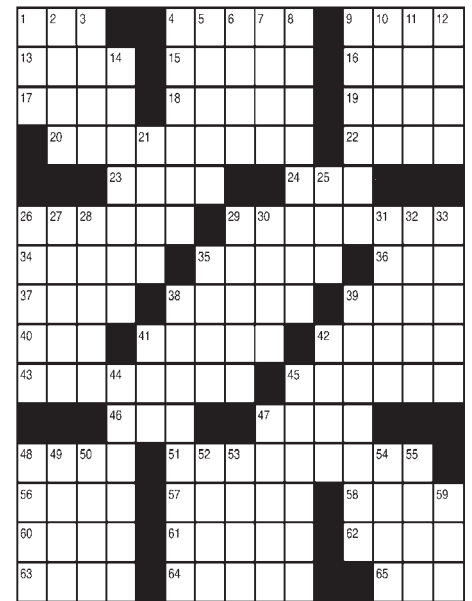
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

- "Are My Sunshine"
- Vital artery
- Grouch
- Bump
- Response to a corny joke
- Cincinnati
- Bosc or Bartlett
- Jewish leader
- Cots and cribs
- Brazen
- unabashed
- Cleanse
- up; tethers
- Female sheep
- Nut variety
- Root vegetable
- Womanizer
- Endures
- Used a shovel
- Sunbathes
- Embankment
- Penny or dime
- Australian bird
- "Red Valley"
- TV's Milton
- Russia's "Mad Monk"
- Free-for-alls
- Actress Jamie
- Curtis
- it quits; stop
- Castro's nation
- Contradicting an argument
- Heroic tale
- Turn away, as the eyes
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- "Been there, that"
- Kid with
- Banyan or oak
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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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| TIRES    | TAROT    | DIE   |
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## DOWN

- Shrill short bark
- Dollar bills
- "Beehive State"
- Concurred
- Certain exams
- Strauss
- Able to read and write
- Yo-Yo Ma, e.g.
- Have regrets
- Waist strap
- Locations
- As a of fact
- Use bad words
- Relinquish
- Come; find
- Tie up
- Level; smooth
- Tempo
- a one; none
- Mirth
- Baseball's Griffey Jr.



# The commercial side of fast Wi-Fi on flights

JOE SHARKEY

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I would last maybe one shift as a flight attendant. By the end of that initial flight, I would be so demonstrably miserable over the demands of the job that they'd fire me, assuming I didn't beat them to the punch by pulling a Slater. You remember Steven Slater, the fed-up Jet-Blue Airways flight attendant who got on the cabin speaker after his flight landed at Kennedy Airport and declared, "That's it. I'm done"? He then grabbed two Blue Moon beers from the galley, deployed the emergency chute and slid away into infamy. Ever since, many an unhappy flight attendant has told me she's sometimes quietly considered pulling a Slater. Recently, on a crowded plane approaching Dallas, I watched a flight attendant collect trash in a bag with one hand while using her fingertips to hold five empty soda cans for recycling, while simultaneously checking that seat backs were in the forward position for landing. I wondered, could the airlines possibly manage to give more chores to crew members?

Why certainly! You may have read recent news reports about proposals by regulators to devote more airwave capacity to providing faster Wi-Fi connections on commercial airplanes. You may have assumed that those initiatives, in the United States and abroad, are intended mainly to allow passengers to use the Web and email more efficiently.

But the fact is, despite the rapid expansion of Wi-Fi on airplanes, no one has found a profitable way to cover installation costs with the scant revenue generated by the limited number of passengers who have been willing to pay for Internet service at 35,000 feet.

The great advances in airplane Internet connections are being driven far more by the opportunities that high-speed broad-

band service presents for airlines themselves to essentially sell more things to the customers, whether the product is in-flight en-

tertainment, food and drink, customized services to elite-status passengers or products at the destination, including hotel pack-

ages, sports and concert tickets, restaurant and theater reservations. On an airplane, you have a captive market, and with become even more adept at using in-flight technology. The question is whether they will embrace the moment. "We found consistently in our research, whether the markets were the U.S., Europe or Asia, that flight attendants are typically the least automated group within the airline workforce," said Andrew Kemmetmueller, the chief executive of Allegiant Systems, a technology development company that focuses on airline operations. Allegiant Systems, based in Las Vegas, recently announced FlyDesk, a product that has an iPad-based application for processing food and beverage sales on flights. □



The rapid expansion of Wi-Fi on airplanes is being driven by the opportunities that high-speed broadband service presents for airlines themselves to sell more things to customers, rather than by the limited number of passengers who have been willing to pay for Internet service. (Brian Taylor/The New York Times)

tainment, food and drink, customized services to elite-status passengers or products at the destination, including hotel pack-

sophisticated technology, you can sell to passengers in very personal ways. And, of course, flight attendants will be expected to

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# Astronaut exits space station with music video

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AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — In a high-flying, perfectly pitched first, an astronaut on the International Space Station is bowing out of orbit with a musical video: his own custom version of David Bowie's "Space Oddity."

It's believed to be the first music video made in space, according to NASA. Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield's personalized rendition of "Space Oddity" was posted on YouTube on Sunday, one day before his departure from the orbiting lab. He's wrapping up a five-month mission that began last December. His return aboard a Russian Soyuz capsule, along with American Thomas Marshburn and Russian Roman Romanenko, was set for late Monday in Kazakhstan. Hadfield, 53, a long-time guitarist who played in an astronaut rock 'n' roll band, recorded the video throughout the space station. He had some down-to-Earth help from a Canadian music team.

"With deference to the genius of David Bowie, here's Space Oddity, recorded on Station. A last glimpse of the World," Hadfield said via Twitter. The space-man altered some of the lyrics of Bowie's 1969 version, singing "Planet Earth is blue and there's nothing left to do." The Bowie version goes "... and there's nothing I can do." And instead of "Take your protein pills and put your helmet on," it became, "Lock your Soyuz hatch and put your helmet on."

Planet Earth provided a stunning backdrop for many of the scenes.

"It's just been an extremely fulfilling and amazing ex-



This image provided by NASA shows astronaut Chris Hadfield recording the first music video from space Sunday May 12, 2013. The song was his cover version of David Bowie's Space Oddity. Hadfield and astronaut Thomas Marshburn are scheduled to return to earth Monday May 13, 2013. Associated Press

perience end to end," Hadfield told Mission Control on Monday. "We're, of course, focusing very much on flying the Soyuz home now and looking forward to seeing everybody face to face. But from this Canadian to all the rest of them, I offer an enormous debt of thanks." He was referring to all those in the Canadian Space Agency who helped make his flight possible.

Hadfield, an engineer and former test pilot from Milton, Ontario, was Canada's first professional astronaut to live aboard the space station and became the first Canadian in charge of a spacecraft. He relinquished command of the space station on Sunday. He sang often in orbit, using a guitar already aboard the complex, and even took part in a live, Canadian coast-to-coast concert in February that included the Barenaked Ladies' Ed Robertson and a youth choir, and featured the song I.S.S., "Is Somebody

Singing?" I.S.S. is NASA's acronym for the International Space Station.

Also last February, Hadfield joined the Irish band The Chieftains and two ground-bound astronauts in a Houston concert, singing the lead on "Moon-dance." The five-minute

video posted Sunday drew a salute from Bowie's official Facebook page: "It's possibly the most poignant version of the song ever created." NASA broadcast the video on its daily space station update late Monday morning.

One of the video collabo-

rators was piano arranger Emm Gryner, part of the Bowie band in 1999 and 2000.

"Planet Earth IS blue," she said in her online blog, "and there's nothing left for Chris Hadfield to do. Right. Safe travels home Commander!" □

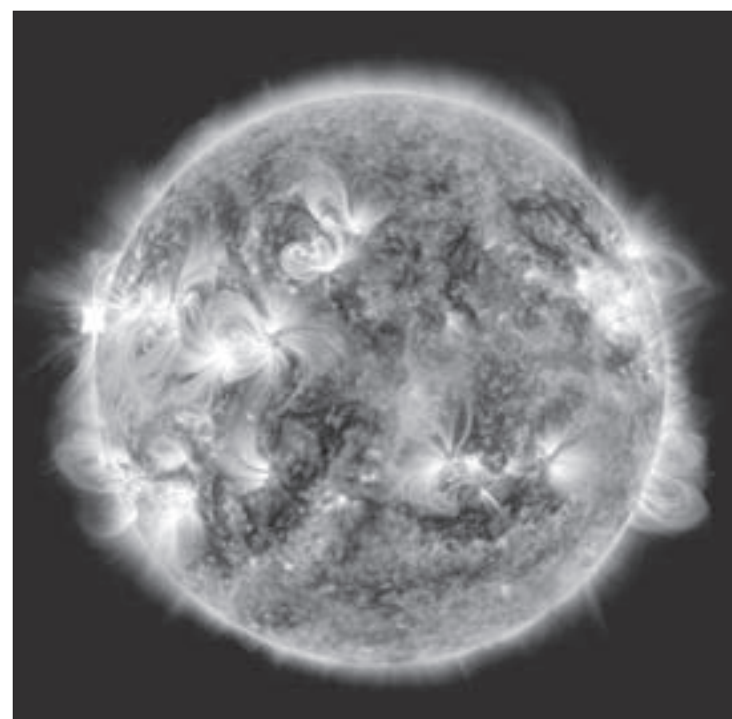
## Sun unleashes strongest solar flare of 2013 so far

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sun has fired off a massive flare, the strongest solar eruption this year.

The powerful flare occurred Sunday and erupted on the side of the sun that was not facing Earth. While the planet was not hit with radiation, space weather forecasters say the solar blast briefly disrupted high-frequency radio signals.

Solar outbursts that are directed at Earth can affect communications systems and power grids and also produce colorful auroras. NASA says radiation from the latest flare may stream toward two of its spacecraft including the Spitzer Space Telescope. Engineers have the option to put them in safe mode to protect instruments from getting fried.

The side of the sun where Sunday's eruption oc-



This blend of two images taken by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory shows a solar eruption that occurred on May 12, 2013. One image shows light in the 171-angstrom wavelength, the other in 131 angstroms. Scientists say the Mother's Day solar flare was the strongest of the year and occurred on the side of the sun that faced away from Earth. Associated Press

curred will rotate into Earth's view soon, allowing scientists to study the active region. □

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# Popular psychologist Joyce Brothers dead at 85

ULA ILNYTZKY

Associated Press

Joyce Brothers, the pop psychologist who pioneered the television advice show in the 1950s and enjoyed a long and prolific career as a syndicated columnist, author, and television and film personality, has died. She was 85.

Brothers died Monday of respiratory failure in New York City, according to her longtime Los Angeles-based publicist, Sanford Brokaw.

Brothers first gained fame on a game show and went on to publish 15 books and make cameo appearances on popular shows including "Happy Days" and "The Simpsons." She visited Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show" nearly 100 times.

The way Brothers liked to tell it, her multimedia career came about "because we were hungry."

It was 1955. Her husband, Milton Brothers, was still in medical school and Brothers had just given up her teaching positions at Hunter College and Columbia University to be home with her newborn, firmly believing a child's development depended on it.

But the young family found itself struggling on her husband's residency income. So Brothers came up with the idea of entering a tele-

vision quiz show as a contestant.

"The \$64,000 Question" quizzed contestants in their chosen area of expertise. She memorized 20 volumes of a boxing encyclopedia — and, with that as her subject, became the only woman and the second person to ever win the show's top prize.

Brothers tried her luck again on the superseding "\$64,000 Challenge," answering each question correctly and earning the dubious distinction as one of the biggest winners in the history of television quiz shows. She later denied any knowledge of cheating, and during a 1959 hearing in the quiz show scandal, a producer exonerated her of involvement.

Her celebrity opened up doors. In 1956, she became co-host of "Sports Showcast" and frequently appeared on talk shows.

Two years later, NBC offered her a trial on an afternoon television program in which she advised on love, marriage, sex and child-rearing. Its success led to a nationally telecast program, and subsequent late-night shows that addressed such taboo subjects as menopause, frigidity, impotence and sexual enjoyment.

She also dispensed advice on several phone-in radio

programs, sometimes going live. She was criticized by some for giving out advice without knowing her callers' histories. But Brothers responded that she was not practicing therapy on the air and that she advised callers to seek professional help when needed. Despite criticism of the format, the call-in show took off, and by 1985, the Association of Media Psychologists was created to monitor for abuses.

Other celebrities, including Paris Hilton, rapper Common and motivational guru Tony Robbins, posted bits of Brothers' advice on Twitter, such as: "The best proof of love is trust."

For almost four decades, Brothers was a columnist for Good Housekeeping. She also wrote a daily syndicated advice column that appeared in more than 350 newspapers. Briefly, in 1961, she was host of her own television program.

Later, Brothers branched out into film, playing herself in more than a dozen movies, including "Analyze That" (2002), "Beethoven's 4th" (2001), "Lover's Knot" (1996) and "Dear God" (1996).

She was also an advocate for women. In the 1970s, Brothers called for changing textbooks to remove sexist bias, noting that non-sexist cultures tend to be



In this Sept. 1, 1987 file photo, Dr. Joyce Brothers takes a break from a busy schedule in Los Angeles to talk about her upcoming television series, "The Psychology Behind the News."

Associated Press

less warlike.

The quiz show scandal of 1958-59 was one of the biggest scandals in the history of television. It erupted in 1958 when it was revealed that quiz show producers had been rigging the outcome of some shows, including "The \$64,000 Question," by giving favored contestants the answers in advance.

Brothers was one of a number of big winners who told an Associated Press survey in November 1959 that they knew nothing of any cheating.

At a House hearing that month, associate producer Mort Koplin also said Brothers

was among those not involved in cheating. But he also described how contestants, who were carefully interviewed in advance, could be affected unknowingly as producers tried to manipulate the outcome of shows by tailoring questions to benefit favored ones and oust less-favored ones.

According to the testimony, Brothers applied to be a "64,000 Question" contestant as an expert in home economics and psychology. The producers, looking for an audience-pleasing oddity, suggested the pretty young woman try boxing as her specialty. □



In this April 23, 2012 file photo, veteran ABC newswoman Barbara Walters arrives to the Matrix Awards in New York.

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — TV news

pioneer Barbara Walters said Monday that retirement from her epochal

## Walters announces her retirement on 'The View'

television career is near, but it's not happening right away.

Walters began in television news as a "Today" reporter in 1961, became the best-known interviewer in American TV and invented a daytime talk show at an age many people would be retired. She said on "The View" that she will step away from the camera next summer.

Before that, her retirement tour will include TV specials looking back at her work.

The announcement brought the 83-year-old Walters to tears. While not necessarily a surprise — reports about the plan leaked out about a month ago and it was confirmed by ABC on Sunday night — the discussion was alternately saucy and emotional.

"In the summer of 2014 I plan to retire from appearing on television at all," Walters said.

She preceded her announcement with a taped piece outlining career high-

lights, from her appearance in a Playboy bunny outfit on "Today" to her interview with Syrian President Bashar Assad last year. She mentioned her pride in rising to "Today" co-host and becoming the first woman on a network evening news program, co-anchoring with Harry Reasoner on ABC. Her interviews became her calling card, sitting across from actors and presidents. Her prime-time talk with Monica Lewinsky set a ratings standard. □





In Feb. 10, 2013 file photo Justin Timberlake, left, and Jay-Z perform on stage at the 55th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

## 2014 Grammys to be held Jan. 26 in L. A.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you're a fan of the Grammy Awards, you can mark your calendar for Jan. 26, 2014, and Feb. 8, 2015.

The Recording Academy and CBS announced the dates Monday. The 2014 event will be held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Both shows will air live on CBS.

This year's awards show was seen by 28.4 million people, the second-largest audience for the program since 1993, according to the Nielsen Co.

Last year, 39.9 million people tuned in to see how the industry would react to Whitney Houston's death just before the awards and celebrate the coronation of its hottest star, Adele, who won six Grammys.

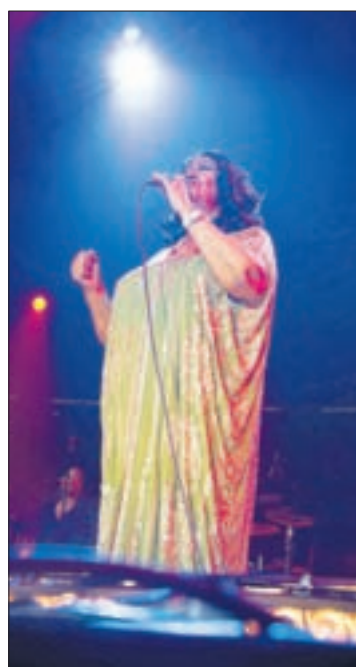
This year's show featured the musical return of Justin Timberlake, collaborations honoring Bob Marley and Levon Helm, and performances by the majority of stars up for major awards. The Grammy Awards are billed as "music's biggest night." □

## Franklin pulls out of shows under doctor's orders

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Aretha Franklin has canceled appearances in Chicago and Connecticut later this month under a doctor's recommendation.

A Monday news release says Franklin will need treatment during the time period shows were scheduled with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on May 20 and at Foxwoods Resort & Casino in Connecticut on May 26. The release doesn't specify what kind of treatment and her publicist did not immediately respond to a message seeking details.

Singer Janelle Monae will step in for Franklin for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Corporate Night fundraiser. The Grammy-winning singer will be playing orchestral versions of her songs that she'll first de-



Aretha Franklin performs during McDonald's Gospelfest 2013 at the Prudential Center on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Newark, N.J. Associated Press

but Thursday with the San Francisco Symphony. □

# JJ Abrams boldly going from 'Trek' to 'Star Wars'

**JILL LAWLESS**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — J.J. Abrams is master of one universe — and he's about to try conquering another. The director who rebooted "Star Trek" for a new generation, sending the USS Enterprise out again to explore strange new worlds,

that until fairly recently I didn't even know was going to come back as a series. And now I get to be involved in it."

Just how involved, he says, remains to be seen.

Abrams' "Star Wars: Episode VII" is part of big plans for The Walt Disney Co., which bought George Lu-

"What the approach is going to be remains to be discussed, because it's in process," he said. "So it's a weird thing to be talking about. If I'm charging down the court dribbling the ball, it's hard to comment on the layup that's about to take place."

"I feel like the ball is just getting passed to me now, to complete the annoying metaphor."

But it's a suitably energetic metaphor for the prolific creator of TV shows, including "Felicity," "Alias" and "Lost," director of films "Mission: Impossible III" and "Super 8" and owner of Bad Robot, the film and television production company whose upcoming projects include a movie about disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong.

Compact and voluble, in natty black-framed spectacles and a dark jacket, 46-year-old Abrams is the epitome of the geek made good.

By his own admission, though, he has never been much of a "Star Trek" fan. Roberto Orci, a producer and writer on both Abrams' "Star Trek" movies, says — with mock-horror — that the director "didn't even know that Spock was half-human."

Abrams' distance may actually have been an asset. The "Star Trek" reboot works because it speaks to fans and newcomers alike. It's the work of a director who was not overawed by "Star Trek's" mythology or bogged down in its lore.

"I think a lot of sequels make this weird mistake, which is that they assume you care," Abrams said. "They assume you know about the world or the characters."

"The approach to 'Star Trek,' especially for 'Into Darkness,' was to make a standalone movie."

"You never have to have seen our first film or the original series. It's its own thing. If you have, you'll be rewarded, but you don't have to." □



In a Saturday, May 6, 2013 file photo, JJ Abrams poses for a portrait session at the Corinthia Hotel in London. JJ Abrams directed the latest release of the Star Trek film franchise: Into Darkness. Associated Press

has also been put at the "Star Wars" helm. Soon he'll direct a new film, the seventh, in the epic sci-fi franchise. So while Abrams is in London to talk about his second "Trek" feature, "Star Trek Into Darkness" — releasing in U.S. theaters on May 17 — the topic inevitably drifts to a galaxy far, far away. "I feel preposterously lucky," said Abrams, a self-declared "Star Wars" fanboy.

"I do feel at the core this incredible disbelief that I'm actually even answering questions at all about my involvement in something

cas' Lucasfilm empire last year for \$4.05 billion. The company is planning three sequels and two standalone spinoff movies focusing on characters from the "Star Wars" universe.

Will Abrams direct the entire new trilogy? Will he be involved in any of the spinoffs? Will George Lucas play a mentoring role? He can't say.

"I never see myself doing anything more than what's in front of me," Abrams said — one film, due for release in 2015 and scripted by "Little Miss Sunshine" screenwriter Michael Arndt.



## Bernanke, Blower Of Bubbles?



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Bubbles can be bad for your financial health – and bad for the health of the economy, too. The dot-com bubble of the late 1990s left behind many vacant buildings and many more failed dreams. When the housing bubble of the next decade burst, the result was the greatest economic crisis since the 1930s – a crisis from which we have yet to emerge.

So when people talk about bubbles, you should listen carefully and evaluate their claims – not scornfully dismiss them, which was the way many self-proclaimed experts reacted to warnings about housing.

And there's a lot of bubble talk out there right now. Much of it is about an alleged bond bubble that is supposedly keeping bond prices unrealistically high and interest rates – which move in the opposite direction from bond prices – unrealistically low. But the rising Dow has raised fears of a stock bubble, too.

So do we have a major bond and/or stock bubble? On bonds, I'd say definitely not. On stocks, probably not, although I'm not as certain.

What is a bubble, anyway? Surprisingly, there's no standard definition. But I'd define it as a situation in which asset prices appear to be based on implausible or inconsistent views about the future. Dot-com prices in 1999 made sense only if you believed that many companies would all turn out to be a Microsoft; housing prices in 2006 only made sense if you believed that home prices could keep rising much faster than buyers' incomes for years to come.

Is there anything comparable going on in today's bond market? Well, the interest rate on long-term bonds depends mainly on the expected path of short-term interest rates, which are controlled by the Federal Reserve. You don't want to buy a 10-year bond at less than 2 percent, the current going rate, if you believe the Fed will be raising short-term rates to 4 or 5 percent in the not-too-distant future.

But why, exactly, should you believe any such thing? The Fed normally cuts rates when unemployment is high and inflation is low – which is the situation today. True, it can't cut rates any further because they're already near zero and can't go lower. (Otherwise investors would just

sit on cash.) But it's hard to see why the Fed should raise rates until unemployment falls a lot and/or inflation surges, and there's no hint in the data that anything like that is going to happen for years to come.

Why, then, all the talk of a bond bubble? Partly it reflects the correct observation that interest rates are very low by historical standards. What you need to bear in mind, however, is that the economy is also in especially terrible shape by historical standards – once-in-three-generations terrible. The usual rules about what constitutes a reasonable level of interest rates don't apply.

There's also, one has to say, an element of wishful thinking here. For whatever reason, many people in the financial industry have developed a deep hatred for Ben Bernanke, the Fed chairman, and everything he does; they want his easy-money policies ended, and they also want to see those policies fail in some spectacular fashion. As it turns out, however, dislike for bearded Princeton professors is not a good basis for investment strategy.

And one should never forget the example of Japan, where bets against government bonds – justified by more or less the same arguments currently made to justify claims of a U.S. bond bubble – ended in grief so often that the whole trade came to be known as the “widowmaker.” At this point, Japan's debt is well over twice its GDP, its budget deficit remains large, and the interest rate on 10-year bonds is 0.6 percent. No, that's not a misprint.

OK, what about stocks? Major stock indexes are now higher than they were at the end of the 1990s, which can sound ominous. It sounds a lot less ominous, however, when you learn that corporate profits – which are, after all, what stocks are shares in – are more than two and a half times higher than they were when the 1990s bubble burst. Also, with bond yields so low, you would expect investors to move into stocks, driving their prices higher.

All in all, the case for significant bubbles in stocks or, especially, bonds is weak. And that conclusion matters for policy as well as investment.

For one important subtext of all the recent bubble rhetoric is the demand that Bernanke and his colleagues stop trying to fight mass unemployment, that they must cease and desist their efforts to boost the economy or dire consequences will follow. In fact, however, there isn't any case for believing that we face any broad bubble problem, let alone that worrying about hypothetical bubbles should take precedence over the task of getting Americans back to work. Bernanke should brush aside the babbling barons of bubbleism, and get on with doing his job. □



## The Man At The Piano



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On Monday evening, a small, vibrant arts organization, The New York Festival of Song, which I've long treasured, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a gala concert.

The show is scheduled to include Joseph Kaiser, the opera singer; Judy Kaye, the Broadway actress; and William Bolcom, the composer. But the real star of the show will be the man accompanying most of those performers on the piano: Steven Blier.

By evening's end, we will have listened to a program he devised, read an introduction he wrote and heard lyrics he translated. We will have laughed at his jokes and listened to him speak engagingly about the context of the songs we are hearing – something he does with great verve.

And, not least, we will have heard him play some of the most beautiful piano imaginable, whether a South American art song, a tune by Gershwin or a Beatles number. I suppose I should also mention here that Blier, 61, who co-founded the organization with another fine pianist, Michael Barrett, suffers from a degenerative disease called facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy. We'll get to that in a minute. Suffice it to say that he is one of the most extraordinary

people I know.

I met Blier about a dozen years ago though Laury Frieber, a colleague at Time Inc. Seduced by his wit, charm, and boundless intelligence, Frieber began going to NYFOS concerts and soon joined the board. (Everyone connected to the New York Festival of Song simply calls it NYFOS.) She convinced me to go a concert. That's all it took. I was hooked.

I had never heard anything like a NYFOS concert – still haven't, really. There are no microphones; Blier believes deeply that unmiked music creates a more intimate experience. At a NYFOS concert, the lyrics matter as much as the music.

Most of all, though, a NYFOS concert has a theme – not some made-up excuse for stringing songs together, but something that makes deep musical or historical sense. Blier told me earlier this week that the main quality he seeks – in a song, a concert, or a performer – is “truthfulness.”

“Manning the Canon: Songs of Gay Life,” was a recent NYFOS program that explored the works of gay composers. “Latin Lovers” included songs by Antonio Carlos Jobim as well as Ernesto Lecuona, the Cuban composer. My all-time favorite, which Blier programmed in 2002, was titled “Dvorak's American Soul.” It explored the musical repercussions of the three years Antonin Dvorak lived in the United States in the 1890s – both on Dvorak and the black classical composers who studied with him. It blew me away.

Back when I first met him, Blier walked with a cane. I used to see him occasionally at dinners organized by Frieber, and, though he was happy to talk about anything under the sun, he didn't talk about his physical problems. The dinners eventually stopped, and I saw Blier pri-

marily from my seat at NYFOS concerts.

Some years ago, Blier began using a wheelchair. Over time, he went from someone who could lift himself up with relative ease to speak to us from the stage to someone who had to remain seated on his piano stool because his legs would no longer allow him to stand.

It seemed a miracle to me that the person trapped in this body was still such a stunning pianist. Yet when I asked him how long he expected to be able to continue playing, he said, “Forever.” This is not, it turns out, the words of a man in denial. Despite the toll muscular dystrophy has taken on his body, Blier considers himself, in some important ways, lucky. It did not target either his face or his forearms and hands, which remain supple and strong. He can still smile his endearing smile and play his beautiful piano – perhaps the two most important things in the world for him.

But that's not all there is to it. In recent years, Blier has engaged with piano teachers who have helped him compensate for restrictions on his upper arm movements. He has worked incredibly hard to adapt to his condition so he can continue doing what he loves. Though he can't conquer the disease, he has refused to let the disease conquer him.

“Muscular dystrophy is not something I would recommend,” he told me as our talk was coming to an end. “But it is an amazing teacher. It shows you what you are made of. To live your life in a wheelchair, you have to man-up. To go on stage takes some guts. But you find your confidence and you become your own advocate.”

Soon, we had stopped talking about his disease and were back on his favorite subject: music. □





Bicycles pass through Rijksmuseum, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Monday May 13, 2013. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

## Bicyclists triumphantly pour through Dutch Rijksmuesum

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**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Guards removed the final barriers blocking the way, and a cheer went up from the crowd. Moments later, a small army mounted on bicycles of all shapes and sizes eagerly stormed the path that leads straight through the heart of the Netherlands' newly renovated national museum. Their bells were ringing all the way. It has taken Amsterdam's pro-bike lobby years of fighting to overcome architects, museum directors and a local government that sought to have the path closed forever. And there is still some doubt as to whether the path may not be closed at times to prevent unsuspecting tourists and pedestrians from being struck by bikes. But in a city where there are more bikes than people, cyclists savored the path's opening as a triumphant moment Monday. "There was so much commotion over this, and some really heavyweight parties, such as the Rijksmuesum and

the muck-a-mucks who said 'you can't do this, the bikes shouldn't be let through,' said Bicyclists' Union spokeswoman Marjolein de Lange. "Above all else, we're happy that we did it." The Rijksmuseum, which houses Dutch national treasures including paintings by Rembrandt van Rijn, Vincent van Gogh, Jan Steen and Johannes Vermeer, reopened last month after a 10-year renovation. But the dispute over the bike path lasted a little longer. Traffic had been allowed through a tunnel-like passage under the somewhat eccentric brick building since it was constructed in 1885. The Rijksmuseum itself resembles a fairytale castle, and the path runs through the middle, where a castle gate would be. In 2001, Spanish architecture firm Cruz y Ortiz won a contest for a design to renovate the museum. Their original plan brought light into the center of the building by opening its central courtyards to natural light, and

eliminated the path to make way for a new entrance. That set off the first round of the dispute, with the museum's previous director, Ronald de Leeuw, fighting what

new museum director, Wim Pijbes, renewed the fight against the bike path, proposing alternative locations. In 2012, the government of the Amsterdam borough

future," Pijbes proclaimed in April 2012. But the bicyclists again fought back. Dueling petitions in favor of and against the bike path were launched, with the one circulated by the pro-bike path lobby gaining more signatures, by a 3 to 1 margin. The city ruled again in favor of the bike path last June, and the 2005 plan is for the most part what became reality. The floors of the courtyards were dug out, and the museum's new entrance was placed below street level. The old path is now enclosed in glass, affording bikes and pedestrians a view of the museum as they cruise through. In an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the museum's reopening last month, Pijbes declined comment on the path. "It's out of my hands," he said. Borough government spokesman Adam Cetindag said Monday that some safety issues remain unresolved and it is not clear if the path will be open on all busy days. □



Hundreds of bicycles queue to pass through Rijksmuseum, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Monday May 13, 2013, signaling the end of more than a decade of efforts by cyclists to ensure a passageway that runs under and through the Rijksmuseum would remain open to bike traffic.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

he termed the "provincial" standpoint of the bike lobby that opposed the plan. But in 2005, the bike lobby won, and an altered design that allowed the path was approved. But in 2008, a

where the museum is located joined Pijbes. It said a traffic study had determined the bikes should be routed around the building, to protect pedestrians. "The city has chosen for the